

NEWS

Jury renders not guilty verdict for assault case

A 37 year-old Houghton Lake man escaped going back to prison for 10 years to life following a two-day jury trial last week.

After 20 minutes of deliberations, a jury found Anthony Walton Bentley not guilty on a charge of assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, a 10-year felony, in Crawford County Circuit Court. Crawford County Prosecutor Everett "Trey" Ayers was also seeking to have Bentley charged as a fourth-degree habitual offender, which could have drawn a sentence of up to the rest of his life in prison.

The trial stems from an incident which took place on June 27, 2008, at 206 Alger Street in the City of Grayling. 13A

SPORTS

Vikings win 2-1 with last-second goal



Overtime? No thanks. In the final seconds of last Wednesday's varsity girls soccer contest at Kalkaska, the Grayling Vikings broke a 1-1 tie with a goal by Rebecca Money - her second of the game - and defeated the Blazers 2-1.

Wednesday night's contest - a Lake Michigan Conference game - was played in chilly, windy weather at Kalkaska High School. The Vikings got on the scoreboard first with a goal, by Money. Kalkaska's goalkeeper deflected a corner kick by Jessica Bindschattel and Money put the loose ball into the net. Grayling led 1-0 with 36:27 left in the first half. 1B

Baseball squad sweeps Gaylord 8-2, 16-13



The Grayling Vikings swept the visiting Gaylord Blue Devils in a nonconference varsity baseball series last Thursday, improving Grayling's overall season record to 4-3.

The Vikings won game one of the series by a final score of 8-2.

Zach Wolcott was the winning pitcher for Grayling. He allowed two earned runs in five innings, walked two, and finished with five strikeouts. 1B

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Commission on Aging Board opts for special election in August

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Following the adage that sooner is better, the Crawford County Commission on Aging Board voted to place a referendum on the ballot in August to see if they can snag enough votes to relocate their senior center to the former Grayling Fish Hatchery building.

The COA Board, at its regular

monthly meeting last week, voted 4-3 to place the referendum proposal on an August 6, 2009, ballot.

Earlier this month, seniors submitted 1,604 signatures on petitions to force a referendum vote on the county's issuance of \$1.5 million in bonds to pay for renovations and additions to the former Grayling Fish Hatchery building for a new home for the Grayling Senior

Center. On Friday, Crawford County Clerk/Register of Deeds Sandra Moore and clerks from six townships in the county as well as the City of Grayling confirmed that 1,425 signatures were from registered voters in the county.

Seniors seeking to force the referendum vote only needed to collect 1,150 signatures to put the funding proposal on the ballot.

Holding the special election will cost the COA between \$10,000 and \$15,000, said Alice Snyder, director of the COA.

COA board members Linda Munsey, Howard Taylor, Don Williams and Dean McCray supported holding the special election in August. COA Board Chairman Jack Mahank, County

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Fly fisherman and filmmaker John Dietsch gave two presentations on the evolving world of fly fishing in film and discussed fly fishing ethics. He was one of many expert presenters who spoke at the event.

AuSable Valley Recreation Expo considered a success

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

According to event chair Don Mason, a few torn up streets were not enough to slow down Grayling's first AuSable Valley Recreation Expo at the Ramada Inn last weekend.

"We came out ahead," Mason said. "The committee members really put an awful lot of work

into it."

The ambitious project was the result of months of planning and careful coordination between several local organizations.

The expo highlighted the many kinds of recreation that are associated with up-north culture, including biking, hiking, kayaking, wildlife art, and, of course, fishing.

The expo was supplemented by trout season opener events in Lovells Township and at the Devereaux Memorial Library. The weekend of activities also featured musical performances at the Rialto Theatre and downtown displays from the Watershed Art Project.

"I think our attendance was See AUSABLE | 10A

Three candidates vie for two school board seats

Election set for Tuesday, May 5

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Crawford AuSable School District voters will go to the polls to pick two school board members from three candidates who are on the ballot.

Incumbent Jim Hulbert, the current school board treasurer whose term is up for re-election, and Richard Febey, who was appointed to fill a vacancy on the board in February, are being challenged by Steven Sendek for their seats on the board on the Tuesday, May 5, annual school election ballot. The terms on the school board are for six years.

Febey was appointed to fill a vacancy created on the school board when Dr. Douglas Slater stepped down from his board trustee seat in December. Slater was appointed to serve as medical director of the AuSable Free Clinic, which provides quality health care to the needy and uninsured in the region. Slater's unexpired term on the school board runs through June 30.

Hulbert is a social worker specializing in youth and family cases handled by Community Mental Health and Department of Human Services agencies in the region. Hulbert, who lives in Frederic, is finishing his first four-year term on the school board.

Febey was a self-employed physical therapist in Grayling who recently retired and wants to devote more time to the community. His wife, Barbara Febey, is a mathematics teacher at Grayling High School.

Febey was defeated by current Crawford AuSable School Board Trustee Sandra Enos in last year's election.

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Plea agreement reached for former deputy's pot case

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A myriad of legal factors led the Crawford County Prosecutor's Office to enter into a plea deal agreement with a former Crawford County Sheriff's Deputy for marijuana dealing charges.

William John Bonkowski III plead guilty to maintaining a drug house in Crawford County District Court on Friday. The charge is a two-year, high-court misdemeanor and is treated like a felony charge by Department of Corrections and judicial officials.

In exchange for the plea, two counts of controlled substance-delivery/manufacture marijuana were dropped. Those charges were four-year felonies. A three-day jury trial for Bonkowski was scheduled to start on Tuesday, April 28.

Bonkowski worked as a Crawford County Sheriff's Deputy between September 1996 and December 2006. He retired from his position due to medical issues.

Bonkowski was a school liaison officer during his tenure with the sheriff's department, assigned to the AuSable Primary School and the Grayling Elementary School from 2001 to 2004. Part of his duties as the school officer included teaching the DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program to children.

Bonkowski was arrested in February See PLEA AGREEMENT | 8A

MURDER IN THE FRONT ROW




The Grayling High School Players presented "Murder Takes the Stage" at the school auditorium last weekend. Pictured here from left to right: Miss Liz (Natosha Beaman), Hal Rush (Jonny Lovely), Mitzi Bond (Ariel Lynch), Ollie Dunning (Darin Peters), Sara Farnham (Rachel Wilson) and Jane Bond (April Kornell) react to the death of unpopular stage actress Hazel Laverne (Miescha McCuan). "It was a lot of fun to act like that because I can't do that every day," said McCuan. Director Mark Binert said that he was proud of his cast. "There was a lot of team play," he said. "The whole murder scene ... I just love that scene."

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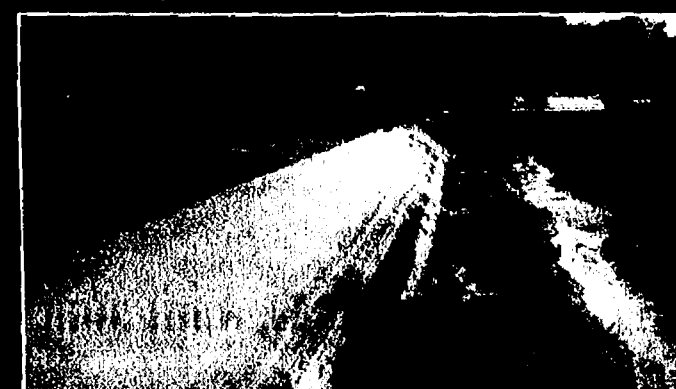
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Voters asked to renew non-homestead millage

by Dan Sanderson
 Staff Writer

Crawford AuSable School District voters will go to the polls next Tuesday to decide on a school funding proposal that is critical to the school district's viability.

Voters will be asked to approve a renewal of the district's non-homestead operating millage on the Tuesday, May 5, annual school election ballot.

The tax levy, which is for 18 mills, is collected on property classified as business property, rental property, second homes and property owned by people who live out of state. The tax does not impact homes used as primary residences.

The millage generates \$5.2 million annually, which is about 33 percent of the school district's \$16 million budget. The non-homestead tax would be collected from 2010 to 2012.

Under Proposal A, which was approved by state voters in 1994, school funding was changed by placing less of a tax burden on homestead taxes for property owners. Schools are funded by the School Aid Fund and non-homestead property taxes.

The non-homestead mill-

age was approved by Crawford AuSable School District voters in 1996 and 2007.

If the millage is not renewed, the Crawford AuSable School District's per pupil funding from the School Aid Fund would decrease from \$7,316 per student to \$4,972 per student.

School officials are stressing that the renewal is critical for allowing the school district to keep its school doors open and that homeowners will not see an increase in their tax bills for their primary homes.

"We want to make sure our local community knows that this is a renewal and is not a tax increase," Crawford AuSable Schools Superintendent Joe Powers said. "The State of Michigan requires schools to periodically seek approval for the non-homestead tax collection and it's absolutely necessary for us as it represents one third of our budget. Regardless, this does not effect the taxes on your primary home."

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the township halls and the Grayling City Hall.

Weyerhaeuser to remain Canoe Marathon's primary sponsor

by Matt Seager
 Staff Writer

Despite recent cutbacks in production, Weyerhaeuser Company has once again renewed its commitment as the primary sponsor of the AuSable River Canoe Marathon.

In fact, their support for the 2009 race was made official almost a year ago.

"They've been tightening their belt out there ... but they also came to us early," said Marathon spokesperson Phil Weiler.

This support comes despite the company's decision to curtail production and temporarily lay off several workers at the begin-

ning of last month.

"Weyerhaeuser is committed to this year's race," Weiler said. "They want to support it and the people of Grayling."

He added that the company's overall contribution to the race will remain unchanged from years past.

"Their continued support is the same as it's been," Weiler said. "The Marathon is proud to have Weyerhaeuser back."

Meanwhile, new organizations are also lending the race their support, despite the tough economy.

"We're signing new sponsors," Weiler said.

Among these new supporters is Kirtland Community College, which will be sponsoring this year's time trials.

Weiler takes this as a sign that local entities are still excited to support the people of Grayling and their most popular yearly event.

"There's a lot of good happening," he said.

County board puts building fee on hold

by Dan Sanderson
 Staff Writer

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners earlier this month held off on adopting a new building permit fee proposed to be charged to licensed builders for reroofing homes, residing homes and for window installation.

Joe Duran, director and building official for the Crawford County Building and Zoning Department, requested a \$90 fee that will be charged to builders for reroofing, residing and installing windows.

The fee request was prompted by a state law, which goes into effect on June 1, that amends the Michigan Residential Code and incorporates International Residential Code specifications for family dwellings into state building requirements. In addition, the bill requires a licensed residential contractor to do the reroofing, residing and window installation.

The three changes are among 15 licensed trades the state is requiring licenses for to complete the work.

Duran recommended the Crawford County Board of Commissioners approve the new fee to protect the unknown public regarding

the new building requirements.

Duran said the inspections covered by the fee would ensure the work was being done to manufacturer's specifications. The inspections would also protect the health, safety and welfare of county residents by cutting down mold and mildew contamination in homes and helping eliminate complaints that go to the Department of Consumer and Industry Affairs for shoddy work.

County commissioners opted to wait until their Thursday, May 7, meeting to have more discussion on the fee. County Commissioner Shelley Pinkelman, who works in the building supplies field, was absent from the board's last meeting. Commissioners wanted her input before placing a new fee on people building new homes, doing remodeling projects, preventative maintenance or energy conservation upgrades.

"People in the community are being taxed to death as it is and now we're wanting \$90 for all of this," County Commissioner Rick Anderson said. "I've just got nothing but negative comments from the people I've talked to."

Write-in candidate files for COOR Board

by Dan Sanderson
 Staff Writer

A Higgins Lake man filed to run for an open seat on the Crawford, Oscoda, Ogemaw and Roscommon Intermediate School District (COOR ISD) board.

Robert Declaire of Higgins Lake met the Friday, April 24, deadline to run as a write-in candidate on the Tuesday, May 5, school election ballot.

In March, COOR ISD administrators put a call out to the public for potentially qualified board members, since four six-year positions were open on the board of Trustees but only

three incumbent board members were seeking re-election.

Grayling residents Bernadine Dosch, who has served on the board for 13 years, and Nancy Persing, who has been on the board for seven years, are running to retain their COOR ISD board seats.

Robert J. Carpenter, the current president of the COOR ISD Board from Mio, is also seeking to continue serving on the board.

Board Trustee John "Jack" Pilon of Grayling, who was appointed to fill a vacancy on the board about two years ago, is not seeking re-election.

Pilon, a Michigan Department of Natural Resources forest planner, said he wants to devote more time to the Knights of Columbus in Grayling and COOR ISD board meetings conflict with the organization's meetings. Pilon is also one of five assistant Scout Masters for Grayling's Boy Scouts of America Troop #995. Pilon wants to focus more energy on the scouts and help out his son Tom Pilon, age 22, who is a Star Scout with the troop.

In Crawford County, the polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the township halls and the Grayling City Hall.

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Online Poll Results

Last week's online poll question and results:

Will you go trout fishing during this weekend's season opener?

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This week's online poll question: A special election will be held in August regarding the senior center moving to the fish hatchery. How will you vote?

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Political parties gear up for 2010

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Six months have passed since the monumental national election and state political parties are already drumming up business for the 2010 political races.

Mark Brewer, chairman of the Michigan Democratic Party, was in Grayling last week to visit the Crawford County Democratic Party. Brewer was on a three-day swing through northern Michigan.

Open seats covering Crawford County are being targeted by the Michigan Democratic Party for the 2010 election cycle.

Sen. Tony Stamas, R-Midland, is term limited from running for another four years in the Michigan Senate. In addition, Rep. Andy Neumann, D-Alpena, will also be term limited from running for the 106th District House seat. Stamas defeated Neumann for the 36th District Senate Seat in 2002. After serving as the State Fire Marshal, Neumann threw his hat back in the political ring and won the 106th District House Seat last year. State representatives can only serve six years in the House of Representatives.

Neumann and State Rep. Joel Sheltrown, D-West Branch, are eying the 36th District Senate Seat, but have not made formal public announcements for their candidacy.

Rep. Gary McDowell, who currently serves in the 107th District House of Representatives position, is planning to run for the 37th Senate Seat held by Sen. Jason Allen, R-Traverse City. Allen is term limited from running again. Rep. Kevin

Elsenheimer, R-Bellarie, is also considering a run for the 37th District Senate Seat.

Brewer said the Michigan Democrats need to pick up four seats to gain back a majority in the Michigan Senate.

"These open seats don't come along very often so it's going to get very competitive early in the campaigns," Brewer said.

On the top of the ticket, Lt. Gov. John Cherry and Rep. John Dillion, the current Speaker of the House, are considering runs for the governor's position. Gov. Jennifer M. Granholm is term limited from running again. Attorney General Mike Cox and Secretary of State Terry Lynn Land are also term limited and are exploring runs for the governor's post as Republicans.

Finally, the Michigan Democratic Party is seeking to oust Justice Robert Young from the Michigan Supreme Court in 2010.

Brewer said he anticipates another strong grassroots effort in Crawford County, where President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden were narrowly defeated by Sen. John McCain and Gov. Sarah Palin last November.

"It's a very competitive county and you're going to see a lot of our candidates here," Brewer said. "Republicans can no longer take this county for granted."

Sheltrown said the Michigan Senate needs to work hand-in-hand with the House of Representatives, creating sound policies for job and educational opportunities.

"The 2010 election is going to be very important to help get Michigan moving again," Sheltrown said.

Three write-ins join race for KCC board

Incumbent Roy Spangler of Roscommon might be the only name already on the ballot for the upcoming election Tuesday, May 5, but the current chairman of the Kirtland Community College Board of Trustees is just one of four district residents running for two seats on the seven-member board.

Spangler, now in his third term on the KCC board, filed in time to have his name appear on the ballot for the May 5 election. But, with three other district residents meeting the April 24 deadline to run as write-in candidates, there is a competitive race for the two seats. Both carry a six-year term in office.

Deborah Van Wert of Prudenville, and Michael W. Wahl and David C. Dougherty, both of Roscommon, recently filed to run as write-in candidates. Van Wert might be considered an incumbent of sorts, having been appointed in April to fill the remainder of former board member Sally Galer's term, which expires on June 30.

Galer, who has served on the college's board of

trustees since 1989, resigned from the board in February, citing the need to spend more time with her family.

Kathy Koch, assistant to KCC president Dr. Tom Quinn, said district voters will want to make sure they have the proper spelling of the write-in candidates when voting in next Tuesday's election.

Currently, about 3,200 students annually attend a variety of certificate and two-year degree programs at Kirtland's two campuses - at Roscommon, and the Michigan Technical Education Center (M-TEC) in Gaylord - with the college's service area including all or parts of Crawford, Oscoda, Ogemaw, Roscommon, Otsego, Kalkaska, Missaukee, Gladwin and Alcona counties, and the surrounding areas.

To find out where they are to vote, district residents are encouraged to contact their county clerk's office for details. For more information on Kirtland, visit online at www.kirtland.edu or call 989-275-5000.

Deputy promoted to take school liaison officer's role

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Like the students in the Crawford AuSable School District who are graduating or moving up a grade, a pair of Crawford County Sheriff's deputies are taking the next steps in their law enforcement careers.

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield is replacing Deputy Jason Alexander, who has been the school liaison officer for the Crawford AuSable School District for the last four years, with Deputy Chase Barnett.

Wakefield said he asked Alexander to return to working on the road patrol. "I have a lot invested in him, I want to better utilize him and broaden his horizons," Wakefield said.

Wakefield said that it was a natural fit to promote Barnett to take over the position. Barnett, 26, joined the Crawford County Sheriff's Office in November 2006. He graduated from Calvary Baptist Academy in 2001. He then earned his associate degree in criminal justice from Kirtland Community College and went through Kirtland Community College's Police Academy.

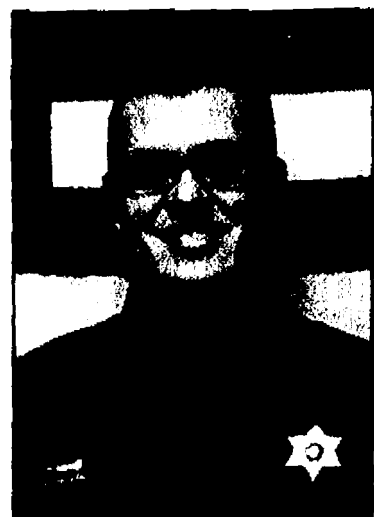
Wakefield said that the school liaison officer has been a pet project of his during his administration and he strives to put younger deputies into the position.

"You need somebody that is able to relate to and get close with the kids," Wakefield said. "That's what it's all about."

The school liaison officer's position is funded by the Crawford County Sheriff's Office and the Crawford AuSable School District. The officer works hand-in-hand with school administrators on various safety and discipline issues that come into the schools.

"There are a lot of kids out there that need a good model and need to have good contact with a police officer," Wakefield said. "Hopefully, that prevents bad contact with a police officer down the road. You never know."

Barnett will work with Alexander starting Monday, May 11, for a week and a half. Barnett will then fill out the rest of the school year. Over the summer, Barnett will attend a school liaison officer's



Chase Barnett

training program.

"I'm really excited about getting this chance to work with the community," Barnett said. "It gives the kids a chance to know a police officer on a one-on-one basis before they get involved in traffic violations or other legal issues and shows them that we're just normal people."

Alexander says that he has witnessed fights become almost non-existent in the schools and hostility shown toward staff and other students decrease as the sheriff's office and school district work together to make the schools a safer environment.

Alexander, who has been with the sheriff's office for 10 years, said he is already having bittersweet emotions about leaving the schools, but said returning to the road patrol will be a better fit for his family.

"It's really going to be hard because those kids just mean a ton to me," he said. Wakefield said Alexander's experience in the schools would pay dividends as he heads back out on the road.

"He'll be able to relate to these kids on the streets and that's a good thing for the community," Wakefield said.

Alexander introduced Barnett as the new school liaison officer at the Crawford AuSable School Board's meeting last week.

"Officer Alexander has served four years in this role and has done an outstanding job in the schools," Crawford AuSable School District Superintendent Joe Powers said. "We understand the need for the rotation and we look forward to Deputy Barnett taking over."

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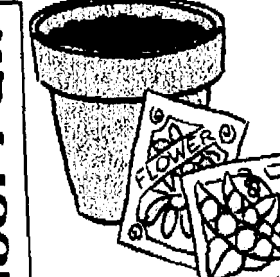
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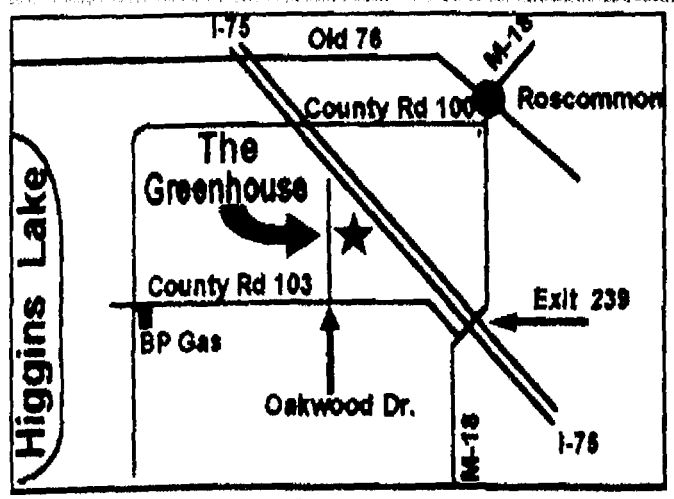
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Almanack

by Richard Milliman

Tea Party protests deserve political attention

IF THE BOSTON Tea Party a couple hundred years ago sparked enough political rebellion in the hearts of ordinary people to bring about public change, maybe a modern version could do the same.

That's the hope of Tea Party protesters, who gathered in groups large and small in cities in Michigan and across the nation to have their say.

Localized Tea Parties a couple of weeks ago provided a public outlet for folks to let off steam against what's going on in our politics and governments, and the direction in which current events may be leading the nation.

An estimated 5,000 protesters gathered at the State Capitol in Lansing, waving their tea bags and holding placards of protest.

SO WHAT'S wrong in our country? Why the need to hearken back to the Boston Tea Party, the symbolic action that helped push the American Revolution

into motion?

A well presented Letter to the Editor (appearing in *The Lansing State Journal*) from a couple who attended the Capitol protest called it "a grass roots gathering of hard-working people ... a mixture of Democrats, Republicans, Independents and young and old ... fed up with our politicians' exorbitant spending and a budget full of 'pork' for special interests."

Okay, that's the "who" of the rally. What's the "why"?

"The protest was not about paying one's fair share of taxes for supporting necessary services. It was about the misuse of money to bail out failed businesses and to reward incompetent executives. It was about the unnecessary expansion of government into the private sector and the erosion of the rights of the individual.... It's hard to imagine why any taxpayer would not support such a movement."

Frank Beckman, WJR (Detroit) radio host, in his

Detroit News column provided this view: "Perhaps the most fascinating thing about the Tax Day festivities was the wide variety of grievances of the participants. Their hand-made signs ... bemoaned taxes, redistribution of wealth, bank bailouts and expressed fears of new restrictive gun laws ... They also protested politicians in general, along with (President Barack) Obama in particular."

THE TEA BAG protests seem to bring into focus a festering undercurrent of dissatisfaction bordering on fear held by many Americans these days.

Assaulted by sour economic turns, foreclosures, job loss, shrinking investments, growing unemployment - especially in Michigan, which leads the nation in this respect - they need somebody or something to blame, and some outlet to channel their concerns.

These factors compound a couple of other elements

involved in the Tea Bag protests: Political and social conservatives, and down-the-line Republicans who lost the 2008 election and are preparing for the next one to bring them back into office.

So there are semi-professional social and political critics encouraging public protest, as well as those personally buffeted by economic and political circumstances. It's a natural marriage at this time.

Of course, the Tea Bag movement is not spontaneous. I have been around politics long enough to know that demonstrations that span the country do not just spring up out of thin air. They require planning, coordination and some financing.

However, concerns are genuine and well founded about over-spending public funds, whether governments at all levels can continue to provide needed public services without excessive bleeding from the taxpayer, and whether individual free-

doms are undermined by government doles and extended government regulations.

Michigan, as one example, faces a projected budget deficit of about \$800 million for the current fiscal year that ends Sept. 30, 2009. What's going to happen now?

Every budget has two sides. One is spending, the other is raising money. Both sides must be considered, and somehow brought into balance.

MOST TEA BAG protesters don't agree that massive government spending - such as under the Obama programs presented so far - is proper and effective as the way back from recession.

Right now, most Americans like their president. An April poll (*Washington Post/ABC News*) shows President Obama with a 69 percent approval rating, up two points since February, and give him "good marks" on the economy.

Paraphrasing, the public is about split on Mr. Obama's handling of the torture issues.

Another poll (*USA Today/Gallup*) shows 56 percent of the public views Mr. Obama's performance as "excellent" or "good," and another 23 percent as "just OK," while 20 percent rate his conduct of office as "poor" or "terrible." These are not figures of overriding discontent.

The Tea Bag protests raise legitimate questions. Their opinions are not majority views now, but they could grow in public acceptance if the economy does not improve and unemployment does not diminish.

Decision makers in Washington, and in Lansing, will ignore the Tea Bag concerns at their own political peril.

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Letters to the Editor

Remember, you must fight for your rights

To the editor:

To all the petitioners and businesses and the Eagles Club, who helped bring attention to the voters of Crawford County concerning the Commission on Aging's request for 1.5 million in bonds to renovate the old fish hatchery building, I say "well done."

I started the petition believing it was the right thing to do.

I had people who did not hesitate to take the petition to the people. They were Dolly Adolph, Bill Brooks, Donna Burke, Bob McIntosh, Marge Roper, Tracy Henning, Loretta Hussan, Ila Cosgrove, many local businesses, and the Breakfast Club and I bless Mike Duffey and the Eagles Club for all their help. Mike ran many copies for

me to save me money, he was great. Also, to local businesses for letting us use their parking spaces to get signatures. Without the help of all of these businesses my task would have been much harder.

Those of you who go south in the winter months, don't forget to get an absentee ballot to vote on this referendum. As of yet, we do not know if and when it will be placed on the ballot, so keep informed.

I will be 84 years old soon and I hope you younger people keep our democracy working. Remember, you must fight for your rights. Don't let the con artists win.

Vivian Powers
Grayling

What ever happened to our laws and justice?

To the editor:

This letter is in regards to the letter from Ms. Smith in the April 9 edition of the Avalanche.

What a shame for the law to give a man one year for killing a man and being drunk.

What ever happened to

our laws and justice? In other words, a man's life is worth nothing, while a drunk gets off free.

Only one year in jail, shame on them (the lawmakers).

Mrs. Jack Kinsora
Grayling

Bike was stolen from Sherwood Forest

To the editor:

To whoever stole my son's bike from our yard in Sherwood Forest, times are tough for everyone these days and it was a very expensive bike that was stolen, like the yellow one stolen last year.

We like to ride quite a bit. I'm sure someone knows

about this - parents, neighbors, friends - it is not right.

The bike was a silver mountain bike. If anyone knows anything about this, please contact us at 348-8731, no questions asked. There is a reward for the return.

Jan Peters
Grayling

What Do You Think?

The Crawford County Avalanche welcomes its readers to comment on news, features, and opinion articles - including letters to the editor and Richard Milliman's weekly Almanack column - on our Internet site at www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com.

To express an opinion on a news, feature, or op-ed article, click on a story and scroll down to the "What do you think?" header (it's highlighted with a red color bar). Fill in your name and type your comments in the area provided, and click the "Post Comment" icon when finished. Existing comments are listed between the "What do you think?" header and the area to post new comments. Readers are also welcome to respond to comments posted by other readers.

All comments are subject to approval by Crawford County Avalanche management prior to publication on our Internet site. Comments are limited to 200 words.

Excerpts from recent comments posted on our Internet site:

Tim wrote on March 19 (regarding ORV ordinance): "If the ordinance is put in place the way it was intended and presented at the county level, not all roads will be open to ORV traffic. The roads that would be designated would be routes allowing riders to access destinations - restaurants, gas and other trail systems. The area with the largest potential for impact would be Frederic because it is close to the only ORV trail in the county and would provide access to a larger trail system in Kalkaska County."

Mark wrote on March 21 (regarding ORV ordinance): "I am all for expanding trail systems and allowing town access points where it makes sense. But as it is right now, the county cannot see how riding my ORV on the shoulder of a road can pay for the damage and erosion and undermining of the paved surface that I create. The 'shoulder' of a road is there for more than to give room for mail delivery, pedestrians and distressed vehicles; it also supports the edges of the roadways. Our roads are bad enough and the county does not have the means to maintain what we have now. Shoulder maintenance is key to maintaining decent roads. Liability is still another huge question mark and I don't think anyone really understands how that will play out. It seems like a nightmare

waiting to happen. There are a lot of 'what ifs' that need to be thought through on accidents involving ORVs. I love to ride my ORV but there is a time and place."

Tom wrote on March 25 (regarding I-75 Business Loop project): "Narrowing the road, well... that's just blatant stupidity. To those people past and present who have fought so diligently to keep Grayling 'small'... good job! Hope you're proud of it when you're sitting in a traffic jam for an hour trying to get into town from M-72 West. I've got to believe that MDOT has done their studies and have concluded by their findings that this is the best thing for our town. Of course, depending upon what time of year they've done their research would determine their actions. This town, in the winter, is little more than a ghost town. The summertime is a different story as we're the main route for people traveling north and west. Last one to leave, shut the lights off."

Sharon wrote on March 30 (regarding ORV ordinance): "I think it's the best thing to happen for our area. My family owns four ATVs and I think it would be absolutely wonderful to be able to ride to the Meadows Trails system and Frederic Loop right from our home. It beats having to load them up on a trailer, drive to a trail head and then maybe not have enough room to park. If we can ride from our home we won't have to spend the extra in fuel just to be able to ride. I know a lot of others that will be able to benefit from the roads being opened also and most of them are close friends. It would most definitely bring more money into the area for our restaurants, gas stations and party stores. This is a much needed ordinance. People will come to Crawford County to stay, spend their money and have a great time, instead of just driving through our county to get to another county where they can ride the roadsides to get to the trails they want to ride on."

Matthew wrote on April 17 (regarding hit and run fatality): "Every court in America makes plea deals, it is how things work. As far as Mr. Gildner hitting the man; maybe the police should have done their job and got the man off the street on one of the two times they had contact with him preceding the accident. Put them in jail for a year for negligent homicide and they can make a deal to plea to neglect of duty where they did not protect or serve anyone. At least we know they did that on

purpose. As far as the man being hit, it is sad and tragic, but it was an accident."

Dubious wrote on April 17 (regarding ORV ordinance): "The proposed roads that will be opened will lead into Frederic and Lovells. Grayling will be closed to ORVs. So, what revenue will be gained? ORV riders can still ride the Frederic loop and then drive into Frederic. The Lovells loop will have roads open south to the ORV trails in the south of the county. The open roads barely have any stores or gas stations."

Scott wrote on April 20 (regarding ORV ordinance): "I hear people saying that safety is the reason that ORVs should not be allowed on the side of the road. With that type of logic, no one should walk or ride a bike along the side of the road either. A little common sense and attention to the road will make this concern a non-issue. ORVs operating in the manner in which this ordinance is written will not affect the maintenance of the roads. This ordinance has enforcement provisions which specifically address where the revenue from fines and penalties for violations go to and how that money is spent. This will assist the local community in providing funds to address local problem areas. We all know how important tourism money is to this area and making Crawford County available to all activities is in the best interest of the community. It will take some time to make this ordinance work for everyone involved. Other counties have had these types of ordinances in effect for a long time and have had little negative effects while reaping the benefits. It is about time Crawford County reaped some of these same benefits."

MIA wrote on April 23 (regarding hit and run fatality): "Gildner has to 'live' with this the rest of his life? I don't feel sorry for him. He attempted to cover up his crime and the prosecutor bought it. Great. It is still a disgracement to the victim's life and the community. I hope this victim's family sees the bar, the police and anyone culpable."

Patricia wrote on April 24 (regarding hit and run fatality): "Mr. Ayers could only do what the evidence allowed him to do. Yes, a man died and it is a shame. I lost my oldest son and know exactly how his family feels, but Mr. Ayers ... is not to blame. He did his job and did it well. It is not his fault that the police did not bring enough evidence for him to convict Gildner on greater charges."

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Briefs

COA to travel to Holland

The Grayling Senior Center, 308 Lawndale St., will travel to Holland on May 4 for the Holland Tulip Festival. The group will visit the Evergreen Commons Senior Center and have lunch, see the show "Curtain Going Up" and go to Windmill Island Gardens. The cost for the trip is \$50 and includes transportation. The bus will leave the center at 7 a.m. and return by 7 p.m. Reservations are required and will be taken with the full \$50. No refunds will be given for cancellations. Call 348-7123 for reservations.

COA to offer computer classes

The Grayling Senior Center will be offering a series of computer classes during the month of May. The May classes will be May 4 - using cut, copy and paste in e-mail, May 11 - locating useful information on the internet and May 18 - how to deal with computer viruses, worms and other troublemakers. The cost for each session is \$10 and is due on the day of the class. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m., with the class running from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Class size is limited to 10 per class. To register, call the center at 348-7123.

Blood drive to be held

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive on Wednesday, May 6, at the Grayling American Legion from 12 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

Project Graduation to hold dinner

GHS Project Graduation will be holding their annual all-you-can-eat pancake dinner fund-raiser, on Monday, May 4, from 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. at the Lone Pine Restaurant. The cost is by donation. All proceeds will benefit Grayling High School Class of 2009 Project Graduation.

Eagles Auxiliary to hold meeting

The Grayling Eagles Auxiliary #3465 will hold an election for the office of Treasurer on Thursday, May 7, at noon, at the Grayling Eagles Hall. All auxiliary members are encouraged to vote.

State retirees to hold meeting

The regular monthly meeting of North Central Area Chapter #19, State Employee Retirees Association, will be held on Tuesday, May 5, at the Houghton Lake Community Building at 2 p.m. All retired state employees and their spouses are invited.

Loyalty Day program to be held

The VFW Post #3736 will hold a Loyalty Day program at the Crawford County Courthouse at 1 p.m. on May 1. A program will also follow at Mercy Manor at 2 p.m. The public is welcome.

Bowling fund-raiser to be held

A bowling fund-raiser for the 7th and 8th grade boys basketball teams will be held at the Grayling Legion Lanes on May 9. Times are 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for players and students and 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. for adults. All proceeds will go towards new uniforms. The first 40 to register for each time slot will be guaranteed a lane. Contact Jeff Branch at 344-3550 with questions.

Community calendar available online

The Crawford County Avalanche has a community calendar on their new web site. To view area happenings, or to be considered for publication of your event, go to crawfordcountyavalanche.com, click on community and go to the community calendar.

Historic farm seeking advice from experienced citizens

Wellington Farm USA is a 60-acre living history complex near Grayling seeking volunteers for their Citizens Advisory Board.

Currently the complex offers 10 interpretive areas and several more are on the drawing board. Wellington Farm USA is operated by Wellington Farm Park Inc., a 501c3 nonprofit corporation.

Overseeing the operation of the corporation is a volunteer Citizens Advisory Board. It is the duty of this board to make sure that the organization follows the law, to make sure that the finances are within the guidelines of a nonprofit, to approve all major contracts and to manage and conduct fund-raising activities necessary to maintain a balanced budget.

The Citizens Advisory Board meets six times per year. Currently there are two vacant positions on the Wellington Farm Park Inc. Citizens Advisory Board.

Any northern Michigan resident who feels they could assist in the guidance of the future growth of the historic complex is asked to call 989-529-7331. More information about Wellington Farm USA can be obtained on the Web at www.wellingtonfarmpark.org.

Wellington Farm USA is a 60-acre living history museum depicting life as it was lived in a rural, mid-western farming community during the Great Depression. The farm is located at 6944 S. Military Road, Grayling, half-way between Higgins Lake and Camp Grayling. The farm is easily accessible from both I-75 and US-127. Wellington Farm USA is owned and operated by Wellington Farm Park Inc., a 501c3 nonprofit corporation.



Ann and Will Rowland

Concert to be held at Winners Circle Art Gallery and Apollo's Lyre

The Winners Circle Art Gallery and Apollo's Lyre will feature a live concert performance with husband and wife folk singing duet, Ann and Will Rowland, on May 2 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at 203 Michigan Ave, on the corner of the Business Loop in Grayling.

Hailing from Indian River, the Rowlands have gained the admiration of their peers and their audiences as one of the most respected husband and wife duos around. Ann and Will were both successful musicians in their own right prior to their marriage and in 2002 began performing together blending two distinctively different musical tastes.

Ann writes much of the original material they perform, story driven songs that give listeners a peek into the stuff that makes up their life; simple pleasures, loss, faith, regret and love, and sings them with a voice that invites listeners to draw up a chair and stay awhile. Her songwriting is deeply personal, without making the listener feel like an intruder.

From the Beatles to The Stones, and from Cat Stevens to Crosby Stills and Nash, Will's musical background leaned more to Rock N'Roll; while Ann's ear was tuned toward artists like Nanci Griffith, Jimmy Driftwood, John Gorka and Emmylou Harris; a stark difference in style and influence. From that, they've developed a sound all their own, which they call "Midwest Folk." There's no twang or angst. It's an intelligent and tasteful combination of guitars and mandolin underscoring vocal harmony that is often so tight that it's hard to tell where one voice leaves off and the other begins.

Ann and Will have been repeat performers on many of Michigan's foremost folk stages, including Thumbfest, Noreast'r Festival, the Hiawatha Music Festival, Mama's Coffeehouse, Trinity House Theatre and Blissfest. More intimate settings like house concerts, churches, coffeehouses and school

groups are favorites for Ann and Will, where they enjoy the closer connections with their audience and their ever-growing fan base.

They have now produced four CDs, "Ready for the Storm," "Stuff That Works," "Farther Along" and most recently, "Picture of You." Twelve gems of pure delight with beautiful melodies and engaging harmonies. They also have produced two DVDs of live concert performances. On April 18, 2009, the Lymphoma and Leukemia Society released a compilation CD that will benefit research and raise awareness of blood cancers. Ann and Will appear on the CD along with many other musicians, including John McCutcheon, Tom Chapin and Peter, Paul and Mary. The song they wrote and contributed to the project, "As Long as I'm Here," became the title of the CD.

A suggested donation is \$10 per person.

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are encouraged.

The Bible Speaks

Why Jacob and Not Esau?

Romans 9:6 taught us, "...they are not all Israel, which are of Israel." Being a Jew, Hebrew, or Israelite does not mean one is automatically saved. In Romans 9:7-9 God illustrated this truth through Abraham's two sons, Ishmael and Isaac. Both sons had the same father, but God's seed went through Sarah and not Hagar. God said, "...In Isaac shall thy seed be called." God's promised seed came through faith in the promise of God and not by the works of the flesh. God promise was given to Abraham and Sarah through Isaac before either his conception or birth.

Now in Romans 9:10-13 God further explains this truth in Isaac's two sons, Jacob and Esau: "10And not only this; but when Rebecca also had conceived by one, even by our father Isaac; 11(For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth); 12It was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger. 13As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated." If you read and understood these words properly, your natural

mind probably reacted with the same question stated in the next verse: "14What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid." Even a mention of God's purpose, election, and calling is offensive to the natural mind which insists upon its own will and choice.

Let us read the history of Jacob and Esau's birth in Genesis 25:21-23: "21And Isaac entreated the LORD for his wife, because she was barren: and the LORD was entreated of him, and Rebekah his wife conceived. 22And the children struggled together within her; and she said, If it be so, why am I thus? And she went to inquire of the LORD. 23And the LORD said unto her, Two nations are in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger." God gave the promised seed at conception and explained the conflicts the two twin sons would have before they were even born. Esau would become the father of the Edomites who would join with the Ishmaelites to become lifelong bitter enemies of Jacob or Israel. Jacob and Esau had exactly the same physical background. God's purpose for Jacob was the difference.

Remember the purpose of God's promised seed was to provide God's redeemer as revealed in Galatians 3:16: "16Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ." God's purpose for His saints is for their eternal good in Romans 8:28: "28And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." The goal of God's purpose is in Romans 8:29: "29For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren." God's eternal plan to fulfill His purpose is in Romans 8:30: "30Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified." We see why Peter warned us in 2 Peter 1:10 to "...make your calling and election sure, for if ye do these things ye shall never fall." Is Jesus Christ your only hope? Pastor "B"

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Obituaries



Sally A. Swenson

Sally Ann Swenson, 82, of Grayling, passed away on April 15, 2009.

She was born in Hazel Park, on December 19, 1926, to the late Clare and Ann Farrington.

She graduated from Hazel Park High School in 1945 and later received a Legal Secretary Certificate from the Detroit Business College.

She worked as a legal secretary in downtown Detroit at the Fisher Building and later in the greater Detroit area, retiring in 1970.

She married the late William L. Swenson of Hazel Park on July 24, 1948.

For the next 30 years, she lived in Hazel Park until Bill's retirement, after which they moved to St. Helen.

She then married Leonard "Len" Palutis of Mio on May 20, 2005, in West Branch, where they had met while bowling in the Senior Bowling Leagues.

She enjoyed a lifetime of involvement in two fraternal organizations. In the Houghton Lake White Shrine of Jerusalem #61, she served as a Worthy Scribe and also as a Past Worthy High Priestess.

She was a lifetime member of the Order of the Eastern Star, attending Hazel Park Chapter #486, Roscommon Chapter #50, and Grayling Chapter #83, holding many offices and was also a Past Worthy Matron.

While her children were growing up she enjoyed helping with the Boy Scouts and was a Girl Scout Leader for many years.

She was a member of the Episcopal church and supported it's ministries all her life.

She was an avid bowler all her life, with a 500 series in 1988-89 in West Branch and a 600 series several years later as a senior.

In the community of St. Helen, she was a member of the Richfield Township Radio Watch and the Snowpackers Snowmobile Club.

She is survived by her husband Len, of three years; daughter, Donna (Gary) Pettyjohn of Grayling; son, Tom (Connie) Swenson of Hazel Park; grandchildren; Joe (fiancé Lindsey Bryan) Hughes, Ann (Matt) Buehler, Chuck Hughes, Beth Swenson, Becky Swenson, Sarah Swenson, Debbie (fiancé Dave Coffey) Swenson, Gary (Rita) Pettyjohn, Beth (Jon) Gikerson, and Allison (Chad) Callahan.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and brothers, Bob and Don.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday,

May 3, 2009, at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, Grayling. Interment will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 30, 2009, at White Chapel Cemetery, Troy.

Memorial contributions may be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children, 2211 North Oak Park Avenue, Chicago, IL 60707 in Sally Swenson's name.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com.

Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

James C. Peters

James C. Peters, 84, of Grayling, passed away on April 23, 2009.

He was born in Detroit, on July 7, 1924, to the late James and Ethel (Godfrey) Peters.

He served in the U.S. Navy as an Aviation Ordnanceman Third Class in World War II.

He was a sheet metal worker before retiring and moving from Lathrup Village to Grayling.

He married the former Joan Thibault on December 29, 1978, in Grayling.

He enjoyed music, living out in the woods and nature.

He attended the Gaylord Evangelical Free Church in Gaylord.

He is survived by his wife Joan, of 30 years; sons: James W. Peters of Fla., William G. (Elyse) Peters of S.C., David Peters of Ariz.; daughters, Kate (Richard) Marszalek of Warren, Elizabeth Russell of Nev.; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and sister, Wilma Smith of Vt.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and one brother, Charles Peters.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com.

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Terry L. Press

Terry Lyn Press, 48, passed away on April 16, 2009.

He was born in Midland on January 3, 1961.

He is survived by his mother, Julia Diemert; son, Calvin Kangas; brothers: Richard (Lisa) Press, Robert Press, Delbert Case; sisters, Elizabeth (Jeff) Hoyt, Michelle Palmer; numerous nieces and nephews: Darcie and Nicholas Lovely, Emily and Sam Wilson, Elizabeth Hoyt, Madison Hart, Sara Dunkley, Daniel, Christine and Jeffrey Palmer, Robert and Amanda Press, Jessica Liddle, Zach, Alexandria and Nathan Case.

He was preceded in death by his father, Harry Press; grandparents: Harry Press, Bertha Brown, Ray and Marie Doby; and uncle, Lawrence Doby.

A funeral service for the family was held on April 18, 2009, at Wolfe Funeral Home, Kalkaska, with cremation following.

J. Charles Tetreau

J. Charles Tetreau, 95, of Grand Rapids, formerly of Grayling, passed away on April 26, 2009.

J. Charles was born in Bad Axe, on May 29, 1913, to the late Joshua and Lucy (Gravelle) Tetreau.

He married the former Dorothy Alice Tucker on January 1, 1937, in Detroit.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy, of 72 years; daughters, Marilyn (Phil) Townley of Grayling, Mary Lu (Charles) Steiner of Kentwood; sons, Jerry C. (Beulah) "Kit" Tetreau of Mesa, Ariz., Paul M. (Jill) Tetreau of Prescott, Ariz.; many grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and great-great-grandchildren; sisters: Elsie of Detroit, Lucile of Boyne City, Lilly of Bad Axe; many nieces and nephews; and five Hagle foster children and their descendants.

Visitation will be held on Monday, May 4, between 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

A funeral service will follow visitation at 11 a.m. on May 4, with Dr. Jerry Tetreau and Rev. Chuck Steiner officiating, assisted by grandson Dr. Joel Tetreau and grandson-in-law, Rev. David Smith.

Interment will be at Elmwood Cemetery in Grayling.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Gideons International, P.O. Box 140800, Nashville, TN 37214-0800; or e-mail to tgi@gideons.org.

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In Memory of

In loving memory of Thomas J. Graham, 12/26/27 - 4/28/74.

As the years go by, your family misses you so much. While your family has grown, we appreciate more and more the love that you gave and the values that you instilled in us. Thank you for making us what we are today.

With all our love, Lenore, Lyssa and Luann, and your grandchildren and great-grandchildren

Births



Jennifer (Smith) Hudson and Thomas Hudson, of Troy, announce the birth of their son, Owen Michael, born at Beaumont Hospital in Troy on February 3, 2009, at 7:34 p.m., weighing 7 lbs., 1 oz., and measuring 19 inches in length.

His grandmother is Marsha Hudson of Kalkaska.

Church Directory

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209 First St., Suite 103 - Gaylord
(989) 732-7001
Sunday Service 10:30 am
April through October
2nd & 4th Wednesday 7 pm
Sunday School 10:30 am

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church
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Traditional Service 9 am
Coffee Hour 10 am
Sunday School (preschool - 3rd grade) 11 am
Adult Sunday School 10 am
Praise & Worship Service 11 am
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Pastor: David Jorgensen
(989) 348-1909
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off M-72 East (1st building on right inside
camp entrance)
Saturday Church Service 9:30 am
Saturday Sabbath School 10:30 am
Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7 pm

Lovells Community Chapel
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Pastor: Larry Hankins
8133 Bald Hill Rd. - Lovells
(989) 348-2701
Sunday School (youth & adult) 9:30 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Wed Prayer & Bible Study 7-8 pm

Grayling Free Methodist
Pastor: Rick Secord
6652 M-72 West - (989) 348-9093
Early Service 8:30 am
Sunday School 10 am
Morning Service 11 am
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) 7 pm

Emma Lowery United Church of Christ
3474 West Park Road, Luzerne
Sunday Worship 11 am
Adult & Youth Sunday School 9:30 am

Heritage Baptist
Pastor: Ernie Wagner - (989) 348-1411
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Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
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Wednesday 7 pm

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Pastor: Gary Wojdan
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501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling
Sunday School 10 am
Sun. Service, Children's Church & Youth Service 11 am
Sunday Evening Service 6 pm
Monday Prayer Meeting 7 pm
Wednesday Service 7 pm
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Community of Christ
Pastor: Ann Doty
North Down River Rd. at
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Church School 9:45 am
Preaching 11 am
Midweek Service Prayer 7 pm

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(989) 348-7657
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Sunday Masses 10 am

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Eucharist (Wed) 8:30 am
Sunday Holy Eucharist 8:30 & 10:30 am

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Sunday Worship Service 10:30 am
Sunday School 9:15 am

Calvary Baptist Church
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Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
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Sunday School 10 am
Sunday Worship 11 am & 6 pm
Wednesday Evening 7 pm

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Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Service 6 pm
Wednesday Service 7 pm

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Sunday School 9 am
Bible Study (Wed.) 6:30 pm
Youth Group 2nd & 4th Wed. 6:30 pm

Church Alive Church of God
Pastor: David Barker
506 North Birch St., Kalkaska
(231) 258-3448
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Worship Service 11 am & 6 pm
Family Training Hour & Prayer
(Wednesday) 7 pm

St. Martin Ev. Lutheran (WELS)
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The Roscommon Community Center,
510 South St., Roscommon, MI 48653
Phone number (989) 275-3070
Sunday 9 am

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415 Ohio North, Gaylord
Sunday School 9 am
Morning Worship 10 am
Tue. Women's Bible Study 10 am
Wed. Men's Bible Study Noon

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Sunday Service 6 pm

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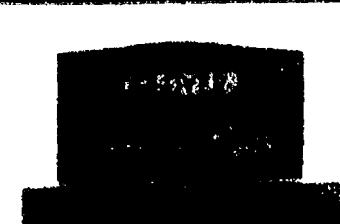
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Obituaries

Ronald O. Baker

Ronald Owen Baker, 68, of Grayling, passed away on April 21, 2009, following a long illness.

He was born on December 5, 1940, in Wheatland, Pa., to James Pearson Baker and Eleanor Elizabeth (Loonam) Baker.

He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1958 to 1961 and was stationed in Okinawa, Japan, Sheppard AFB, Texas, and Selfridge AFB.

He settled in Michigan following his honorable discharge from the service.

He was employed for many years as a sales representative and as an independent business owner.

He was a member of the American Legion Post #106, Grayling, and served as post commander.

He reveled in life on Lake Margrethe and the company of his friends and his family. He was a tinkerer who enjoyed building toys and games for his children and grandchildren. He was a constant source of fix-it-yourself advice for his neighbors.

He was especially proud of the success of all his children.

He is survived by his wife, Judith Baker; children: Ron (Barb) of McKinney, Texas, Jim (Kristy) of Plano, Texas, Patti Tremblay (Rick Pluta) of Lansing, Michael Tremblay (Christy Michaels) of El Paso, Texas, Zac and Jessie Baker of Grayling; grandchildren: Abbey and Lance Baker, Benjamin Baker, Caleb and Rowan Pluta, and Maizie and Cienna Tremblay.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to Grayling High School Athletics.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com.

Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Norman H. Wood

Norman Harold Wood, 70, of Waters, passed away on April 26, 2009.

Visitation services will be held on April 30 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home. A memorial service will be held on May 1 at 11 a.m. at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

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Irving McIsaac

A spring burial for Irving McIsaac will be held on Monday, May 4, at 10 a.m. at Elmwood Cemetery.

Military honors will be accorded.

Raffle Winners

Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for April 26 of \$25 each; Terry Norman and Emily Thomas.

Range Firing

Small Arms Ranges, located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Rd., east of the gas pipeline and south of Portage Creek, May 7, 10 - 13.

Range 13, located south of the main post, bounded on the west by Crawford County line, north of Daniels Rd., and east of the gas pipeline, May 7 - 8.

Range 15, located south of the main post, bounded on the west by Cadillac Rd. and on the east by Carrier Rd., May 11.

Range 17, Hand Grenade Range, located south of the main post, north of Carrier Rd., east of range 13 and west of Beaver Creek (Military Rd.), May 9 and 11.

ARF Range, located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Rd., east of the gas pipeline and north of Portage Creek, May 12 - 13.

The Range 40 Complex, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Sherman Rd., south of Old State Rd. 618 and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), May 7 - 13.

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618 and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), May 7 - 8 and 11 - 13.

The Range 30 Complex, located north of North Down River Rd., east of Jones Lake Rd. south of

County Rd. 612 and west of Bald Hill Truck Trail, May 7 - 9.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Due to mobilizations or critical training requirements, the Post Commander may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time. This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number is 989-348-6371. For further information, call 989-344-6100.

District Health Department #10 Community Calendar

District Health Department No. 10, Grayling office, has scheduled the following clinics/classes for May.

Immunization clinics: May 4, 6 and 20 by appointment. Call 989-348-7800 for an appointment.

Family planning clinic: May 5, 12, 19 and 26. Call 989-348-7800 for an appointment.

WIC clinics: This program provides supplemental foods and nutrition educa-

tion for eligible pregnant and breast feeding women, infants and children. May 7, 14, 15, 18, 20, 21, 28 and 29. Call 989-348-7800 for an appointment.

OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Standard Training sessions. For information, call 231-876-3839.

Breast and cervical cancer screenings are available to women ages 40-64 who have limited or no health insurance. A clinic is scheduled for May 13 and

19 in Grayling. Call 989-348-7800, ext. 8042, for an appointment.

Hearing and vision screenings. This is a free program for children ages 3 through 3rd grade. Appointments are necessary. Call 989-348-7800 for an appointment.

The Crawford County branch office of District Health Department #10 is located on Meadows Drive, east of the South I-75 Business Loop, in Grayling.

Library News

"Story Hour" is held every Wednesday at 11:15 a.m. at the Devereaux Memorial Library for preschool age children and their parents. Join Miss B. and Miss Connie for stories, crafts and a snack.

The "Sit n' Knit" daytime knitting club meets on the first Thursday of each month at 10 a.m. They welcome knitters of all skill levels. The next meeting will be on May 7.

The Crawford County Library System announces that the Devereaux

Memorial Library was once again chosen to be part of the Michigan Notable Author Tour. Author Jamie Smith will discuss his new book "Roadie: the Misunderstood World of a Bike Racer" on Thursday, May 7, at 7 p.m. Jamie's book was written with his keen sense of humor and a wealth of experience as a cyclist. Smith explains the wonderfully addicting, but equally strange, world of bicycle racing.

The Bicycle Shop's Bob Smith (no relation) was

excited by the news and will also be at the program, as well as helping out with the May library showcase.

Sheriff's Report

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 66 complaints the week of April 20 - April 26.

Two EMS responses, 14 general non-criminal complaints, four assault/intimidation/stalkings, six larcenies, one damage to property, 10 public peace/disorderlies, two OUILs/UBALs, three health and safeties, one miscellaneous criminal offense, four traffic accidents, one hazardous condition, one inspection/investigation-motor vehicle, one drug overdose, two family troubles-domestic, nine suspicious situations and five driving violations/driving while license suspended.

Sheriff Wakefield asks, "Do you know where your

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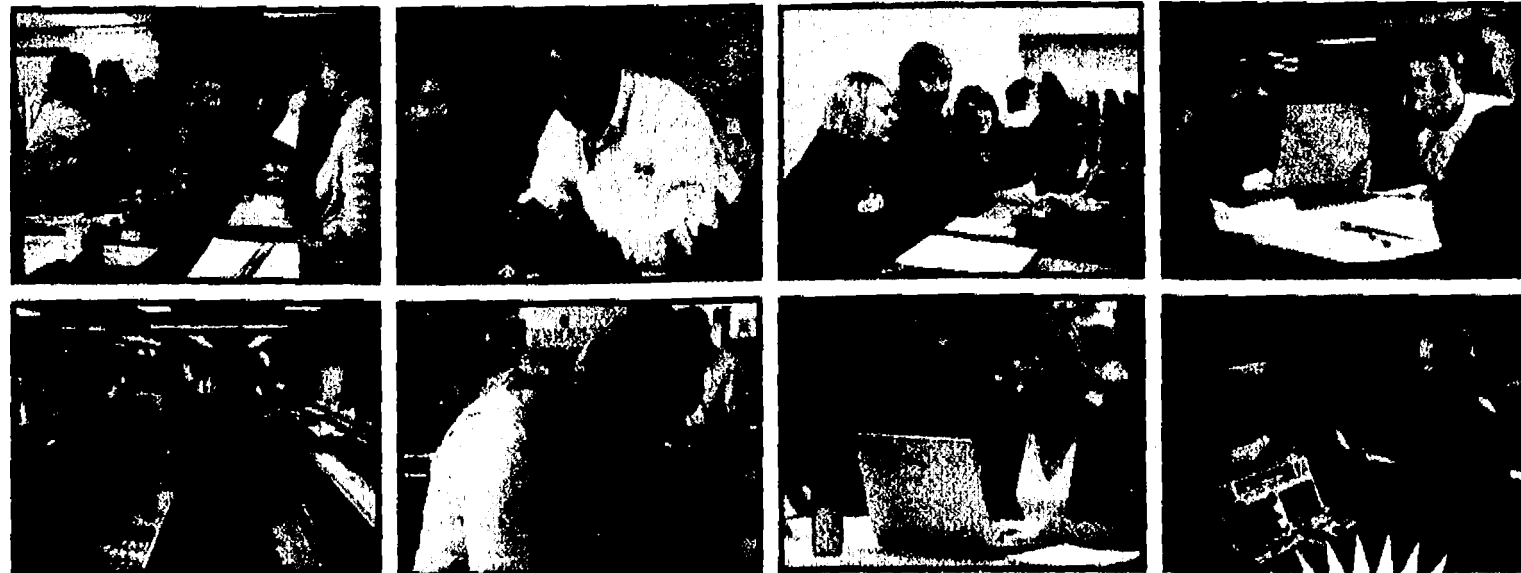
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Plea agreement reached for former deputy's pot case

Continued from 1A
2008 as part of a drug round up conducted by the Strike Investigative Narcotics Group (STING) and Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies.

Crawford County Prosecutor Everett "Trey" Ayers said the prosecutor's office agreed to the plea for a number of reasons. First, James Hunt, a Traverse City defense attorney representing Bonkowski, requested a motion to dismiss the case against Bonkowski because he had an affirmative defense under Michigan's Medical Marijuana Law. The law was overwhelmingly approved by state voters at the general election polls last November.

46th Circuit Court Judge Janet M. Allen did not make a ruling on the motion, but did offer some brief comments on the request.

Ayers said that precedent setting cases regarding people who would have qualified to have a license to use medical marijuana have already reached the Michigan Court of Appeals. Some of the cases have deemed that the medical marijuana law applies retroactively for people charged with using marijuana if they have major medical conditions.

Kelly Niebel, spokesperson for the Michigan Department of Community Health, which oversees medical marijuana patient appli-

cations, said there are no specific references to the law applying retroactively in the state statute. Niebel, however, confirmed that cases will have to be sorted out by judges and appellate courts.

"That's really going to be something for the judiciary to handle," Niebel said.

Bonkowski was born with polycystic kidney disease, which causes cysts to form on his kidneys. Both of his kidneys have been removed and he undergoes dialysis three times a week. Bonkowski has also undergone two surgeries to repair his heart.

Bonkowski said he started smoking marijuana late in 2007 after learning it was used for medicinal purposes legally in California. He said he discussed using marijuana with his doctor and opted to go that route to deal with excessive weight loss, lack of appetite and depression.

Ayers said that Bonkowski has went through the application process to allow him to use medical marijuana, but has yet to receive an identification card from the state that identifies him as a medical marijuana patient. Ayers added that the medical marijuana statute would have also applied to the person who purchased the marijuana from Bonkowski under STING's surveillance.

Second, Bonkowski agreed to plead to the two-year felony charge and STING investigators agreed with the deal to resolve the case.

Although the plea cuts

Bonkowski's potential jail sentence in half, Ayers said that sentencing will likely include some sanctions on his driving privileges and his ability to possess firearms. The plea also limits Bonkowski's ability to appeal the conviction.

Ayers said the prosecutor's office will argue for some jail time, although accommodations will have to be made to address Bonkowski's dialysis treatments and medical conditions.

"It was worth it to get the conviction as a felony," Ayers said. "We resolved the case and we think we sent a message we can live with."

Finally, the marijuana that Bonkowski sold was inadvertently incinerated as part of routine disposal of property done by STING.

Lt. Jeff Keister, the STING commander, said that STING regularly destroys the drugs that it seizes four times a year after unit inspections are completed.

Keister said that the marijuana for Bonkowski's case was inadvertently mixed in with 300 to 400 items that were destroyed last fall, although it was marked to be saved.

"It was a mistake on our part, but it was inadvertent and it is just how it was," Keister said.

Keister said this has been the first time that STING, which covers a six-county area, has destroyed evidence before a trial has commenced in his six years as commander of the unit.

Keister said that the

Crawford County Prosecutor's Office was notified when the mistake was made.

The marijuana was available and had been tested by Michigan State Police Crime Lab officials prior to Bonkowski's preliminary examination. Bonkowski did not dispute that it was marijuana.

"The last thing we wanted to happen was to have that part of the evidence in the case destroyed, but the rest of the evidence was preserved," he said.

Keister said that the plea agreement offered to Bonkowski is similar to those offered to first time offenders who have not previously held such high profile positions.

Going forward without the evidence was a call the attorneys had to make.

"That's something where we keep out of the battle," Keister said. "If you went to trial without the evidence, you take your chances."

Hunt said that Bonkowski was also put in the same position of taking his chances before a jury on the four-year felony charge or pleading to the lesser charge.

"That was a decision he had to make and that's what it really came down to," Hunt said.

Ayers said the people who use marijuana without a medical marijuana patient identification card will face stiff prosecution in Crawford County.

"If you don't qualify under the statute, you will be prosecuted just like everyone else," Ayers said.

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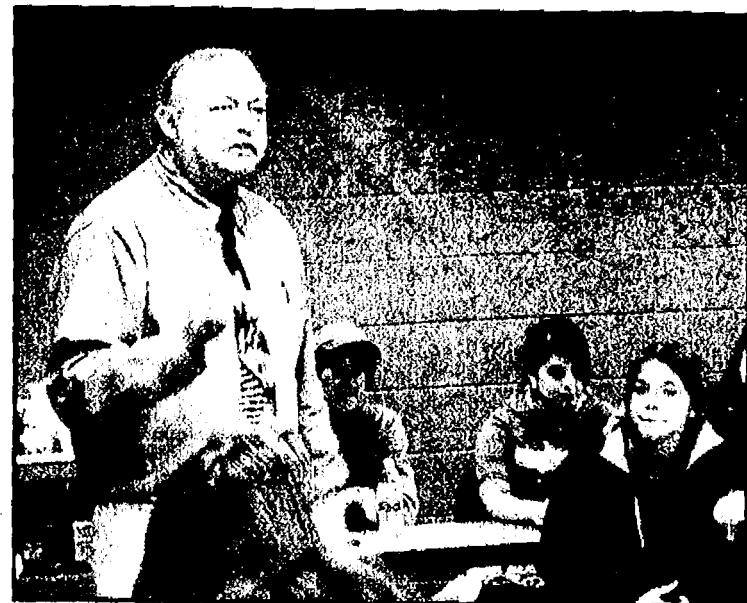
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About 35 people attended a Self Defense/Awareness For Women program at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library last week. The program was sponsored by the Friends of the Crawford County Library System. Above left, Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield, the guest speaker for the program, offers some safety tips for women in attendance. Above right, a group of women get a chuckle while taking in the information.

High school hosts year's final GVR event

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

Grayling High School (GHS) students and teachers celebrated a successful year of the Grayling Viking Renaissance (GVR) program last Friday. The event featured a musical performance followed by a track and field day reserved for GVR students. For teachers, the event represented the year's culmination of a highly successful program.

The event kicked off in the afternoon with a performance from "SYZYGY," a teen band from Elk Rapids. Students were required to present their GVR membership cards to attend the performance.

Everybody was very sup-

portive of the program," said GHS sophomore John Lennon.

The live entertainment was followed by a track and field event with concessions provided by parent volunteers.

Freshman Zach Schreiber reported that the highlight of the event was "getting out of class."

For the school's administrative staff, the year's final GVR event represented something even more meaningful.

"There's been a huge positive change in the climate and the culture of the school," said Dale Forcier, a teacher who serves as an adult committee member for the GVR program.

Students gain membership into the GVR program by meeting certain academic benchmarks. Currently, 53 percent of GHS students are members. Students who don't meet membership requirements receive special hands-on tutoring during GVR assemblies.

"We're trying to meet the needs of every kid in our school," Principal Daniel Pummell said.

Pummell has stated that it is always the school's goal to work toward 100 percent membership.

"It's totally worth it. Kids should be rewarded for their academic achievements," Forcier said.

Past GVR assemblies have featured a variety of

activities, including video game parties, dodge ball and sledding.

"We have a committee of students and they actually plan what we're going to do," Pummell said. "I'm really proud of this program."

She said that school officials hope to add a "Parents' Committee" next year to help with event organization.



The Elk Rapids band "SYZYGY" provided entertainment for the year's final Grayling Viking Renaissance assembly. School faculty report that the new motivational program has been a big success.

Pictionary winners announced

The Grayling Promotional Association (GPA) concluded its 22nd Pictionary Olympics competition last week.

Competition was neck and neck, with two teams initially tied for first place. After a sudden death elimination round, the J. Dap team emerged as the winner.

North Central Credit Union came in at a very close second. The "Flip

Flop Ladies" took third place. In total, 13 teams competed this year.

"It's mostly just for the fun," said GPA volunteer Barb Bowers. Real life judges Janet Allen and Monte Burmeister moderated the event. A total of \$400 was raised for GPA community events.

"Because of the economy, we thought it was only fair to lower the cost of the

entries," Bowers said.

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AuSable Valley Recreation Expo considered a success

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very good for our first show," Mason said.

Good attendance was good news for the nearly 50 recreation vendors at the show.

"An awful lot of vendors want to come back when we do it again," said Mason. "It was a very good mix of exhibitors."

According to Mason, the smallest details made a big difference. This included diversions like live music in the Ramada Inn and a raffle sponsored by the Watershed Art Project.

"The picture raffle went over very well," Mason said.

He added that the expo's many sponsors were crucial to the event's smooth inaugural launch. Organizers hope to secure even more sponsors for

next year's event.

One of the highlights of the expo was presenter Jon Dietsch, a professional fly fisherman who has also made a career in film.

Interestingly, the expo marked the first time Dietsch has ever visited the midwest.

"People call me the Hollywood fisherman," said Dietsch, who was born in Los Angeles.

Nonetheless, he stated that fishing enthusiasts across the country have a

common bond.

"The fact is, we are all connected by our mutual love of the river," he said.

He also believes that fly fishermen have some valuable insight to offer their communities.

"There's no question that the ethics of what we do need to be applied in a much bigger way," he said. "We as fly fishermen ... have a responsibility to let others know what we should be doing in terms of conservation."

On Monday, Dietsch went out on the AuSable with two local guides to shoot a segment for his fishing TV show.

"When I'm out on a river like the AuSable ... it's what I love about fly fishing," he said.

Mason said that the expo will be returning for 2010. It is his hope that the event continues to grow.

"We need volunteers. We want ideas and thoughts for improving," he said.



Although the expo coincided with the opening of trout season, its exhibits served to highlight many different aspects of Grayling recreation and culture. According to Event Chair Don Mason, many of the vendors will be returning next year.

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Sendek is a fisheries biologist based out of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' Grayling field office. Sendek has two sons who have graduated from Grayling High School, and one who is still enrolled in school, and also wants to volunteer more time serving the community.

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Commission on Aging Board opts for special election in August

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Commissioner Mike Lange and board member Helen Nolan cast no votes against the proposal.

Mahank said that the COA Board has been studying options to relocate the senior center for seven years, but earnestly started a building search process about two years ago.

The COA, which leases space from the Grayling Housing Commission for the current senior center, is seeking new facilities due to a lack of space. The senior center now has 5,000 square feet of space. Planners for Life Span Design Studio, an Ohio based planning and architectural firm which specializes in designing senior facilities, said the COA needs 8,000 to 12,600 square feet of space to meet future needs of the senior population. The fish hatchery building has about 8,000 square feet of available space. Officials would like to offer a variety of services such as exercise and fitness to the younger senior population. Officials are also preparing to accommodate the emerging Baby Boomer generation as they begin to seek services from the community.

"We need to do more for the seniors that we're not able to do because of the situation we're in," Taylor said.

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners offered to bond up to \$1.5 million to relocate the senior center to the fish hatchery. The successful petition drive brought a halt to the process.

At its meeting last week, the COA Board struggled with decisions to spend money from its building fund to pay for the special election in August or wait until August 2010, when the state, county, townships and the City of Grayling will share election expenses.

The board also weighed keeping the momentum of the building search and petition drive or waiting over a year to educate voters about the senior center's needs.

Finally, COA Board members considered holding the vote in August in hopes of still obtaining low interest rates on bonds, lower costs for building materials and gaining favorable bids from building contractors.

"The longer you wait, the bigger the problem," Snyder said.

Crawford County Administrator Paul Compo said he could not speculate on the future of interest rates and building material costs if the vote was delayed until August 2010.

"The bond market is somewhat unstable now, even with municipal bonds that are tax exempt,"

Compo said.

Funds earmarked to rehabilitate the Grayling Fish Hatchery building were coming from bond issues that are being paid off for an addition to the Crawford County Jail and installation of heating, cooling and ventilation systems at the Crawford County Courthouse. The county is planning to bond up to \$1.5 million to pay for additions and renovations to make the courthouse building compliant with the Americans With Disabilities Act. No petition drive was spearheaded to block that project.

Lange said he has a philosophical opinion against holding special elections since they generally don't draw a large voter turnout. The COA Board also considered holding the election in November, but opted for the earlier date while snowbirds are still in the community before heading south for a warmer climate.

"What the referendum did is democracy in action, so let's put it on the ballot and let the voters decide," Lange said.

After taking the vote to hold the election, Snyder stressed that a group of volunteers would be needed to develop an educational campaign for the public on the senior center's issues and needs and the desire to move to the fish hatchery.

"You have to go out into the community and you have to plaster the town," Snyder said. "Just a handful of people aren't going to be able to do it all."

Munsey and Taylor agreed to head up the campaign committee. Munsey said the committee's comprehensive educational efforts would have to encompass all the steps the COA has taken to find a new home for the senior center.

"We have the reports - but apparently - we are the only ones that know about them," Munsey said.

About 15 people attended the COA Board meeting.

The meeting became somewhat heated during the citizen's comment portion near the end of the meeting.

Vivian Powers, a senior who spearheaded the petition drive, said she was offended by an allegation made by Taylor that people were misinformed when signatures for the referendum were being gathered.

"That was to stop this from going forward and to give the public a chance to say yes or no," Powers said.

Powers said seniors simply don't want to see the building funds they have raised over the years poured into rehabilitating the fish hatchery building.

"What kind of dream do you have to put this on our backs?" Powers asked.

Senior Bill Brooks submitted a copy of a Public Act approved by state lawmakers in 1994, which conveyed the Grayling Fish Hatchery property to Crawford County. Deed language says that the property shall be used for public recreation or a museum.

Following the Crawford County Board of Commissioner's meeting earlier this month, Compo said county officials believe that moving the Grayling Senior Center to the fish hatchery property qualifies as a recreational use for the senior population. If there's an issue with the move, Compo said the county will try to get the deed language changed for general public use. The county requested a similar change when the former Crawford County fairgrounds were conveyed to the county. The property now is home to the AuSable Valley Animal Shelter, a Grayling Little League Field, Grayling Redskins fields and is a future site for Crawford AuSable Soccer Association fields.

Susan Thiel, manager of the DNR's Grayling Forest Management Unit, said she has fielded a number of calls regarding the public act which transferred the hatchery property to the county. Thiel said the DNR could only make a recommendation on the use of the property if it was designated for general public use. Any changes would have to go before the Michigan Legislature, since that was how the hatchery property was transferred to the county. Any recommendation from the DNR would be requested as a courtesy from state lawmakers.

"If it becomes clear that the deed language needs to be changed to make this allowable, that would need a total redo by the legislature, which makes our part in it a moot point," Thiel said.

Brooks said seniors objected to moving to the fish hatchery because the move was dictated by COA and county officials before putting it before voters.

"If you guys put it on the ballot, it probably would have flew," Brooks said.

Lange said that county officials want to be good stewards of the property they own. Over the last decade, over \$500,000 in DNR grant funds and United States Department of Agriculture grant funds and local donations have been poured into restoring the fish hatchery grounds and preparing the building for a future use.

"That building can't sit there forever," Lange said.

In 1914, Grayling lumber baron Rasmus Hanson purchased land on the AuSable River, collected donations from friends and local fishermen and established the private hatchery where they hoped to raise grayling from eggs and release them into the wild.

Hanson and his friends failed to save the native fish, whose habitat was destroyed by floating logs down the river to local lumber mills, but their work with brook and brown trout succeeded.

The initial fish hatchery building was built in 1919, but was destroyed by a fire. The current fish hatchery building was built in 1948.

Bruce Patrick, Crawford County environmental monitor and a retired DNR conservation officer, tried to clear up misconceptions about the fish hatchery building. Patrick, who worked out of the hatchery building while with the DNR, has overseen much of the building improvements at the fish hatchery as chairman of the Grayling Fish Hatchery steering committee.

Patrick said asbestos has been removed from the building. Final remediation for a leaking underground gas tank removed from the property will be done within the next year. Finally, Patrick said that paint, which may have been lead based on the outside of the building, was covered with latex paint.

Williams said that any efforts to educate the public would help the COA's initiative to relocate the senior center.

"Whatever you get out will help," Williams said.


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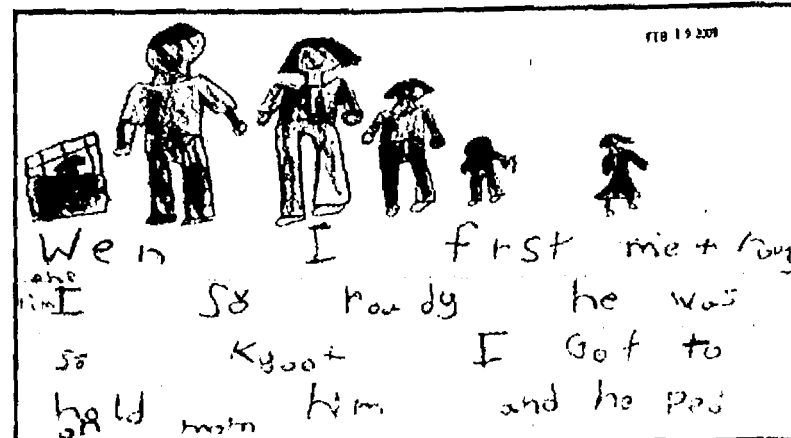
By Trenton Gabriel,
Mrs. Boik, 2nd Grade
Realistic Fiction

Bobby was dreaming all day about going skiing so he finally asked his mom. She said they could go. Bobby said he is going to go get packed. Then they left and

got their passes at Boyne Mountain. Then something terrible happened. Bobby ran into a tree when he was skiing. But something terrible happened again and it was that Bobby ran into a safety patrol snowmobile. He took a brake for an hour and then his mom decided to go skiing. So then Bobby

had to wait for his mom to get her stuff on. Then she was all ready to go. Next she was going up on the thing that you sit on but she fell off it. Bobby saved his mom by her hand and she almost got hurt really bad. If she did fall off the lift thing when they got to the top they went down the hill.

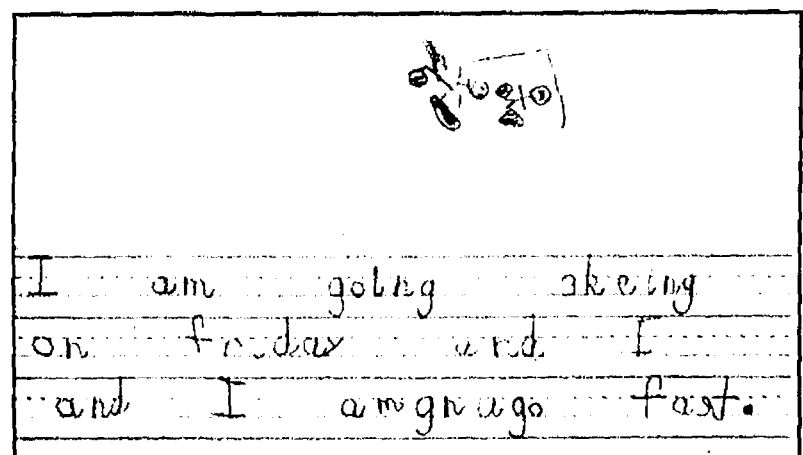
They went so fast down the hill that they almost crashed. But they did not. Bobby and his Mom got too cold to go down the hill any more. So they decided to go home and they had a beautiful day. But when they left they wanted to go again but it was closed. Closed for the rest of the year.



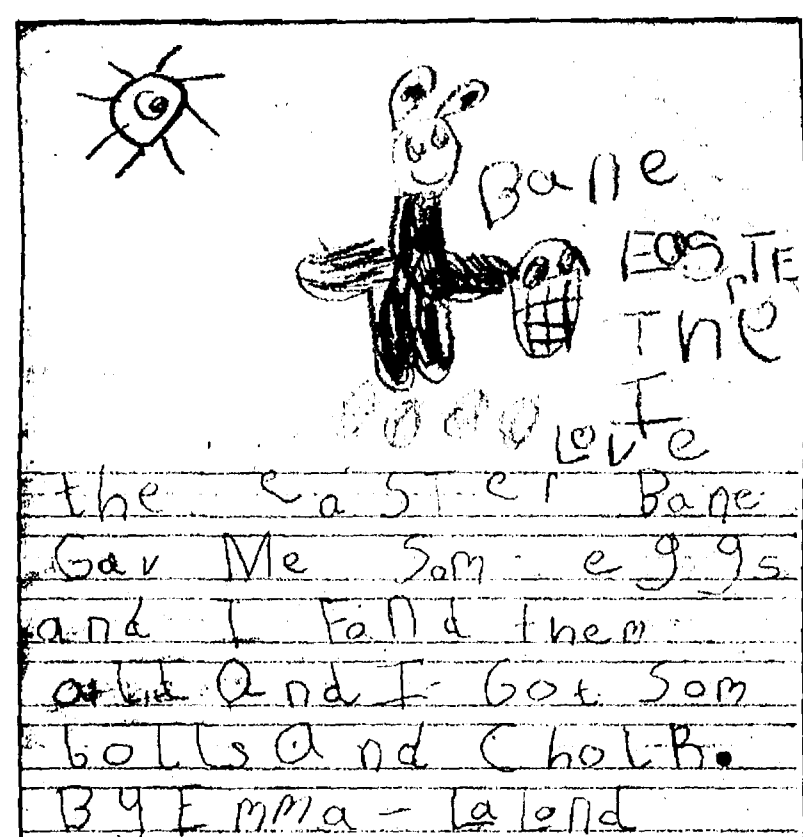
Jenna Haring, Kindergarten, Mrs. Edward's Class.



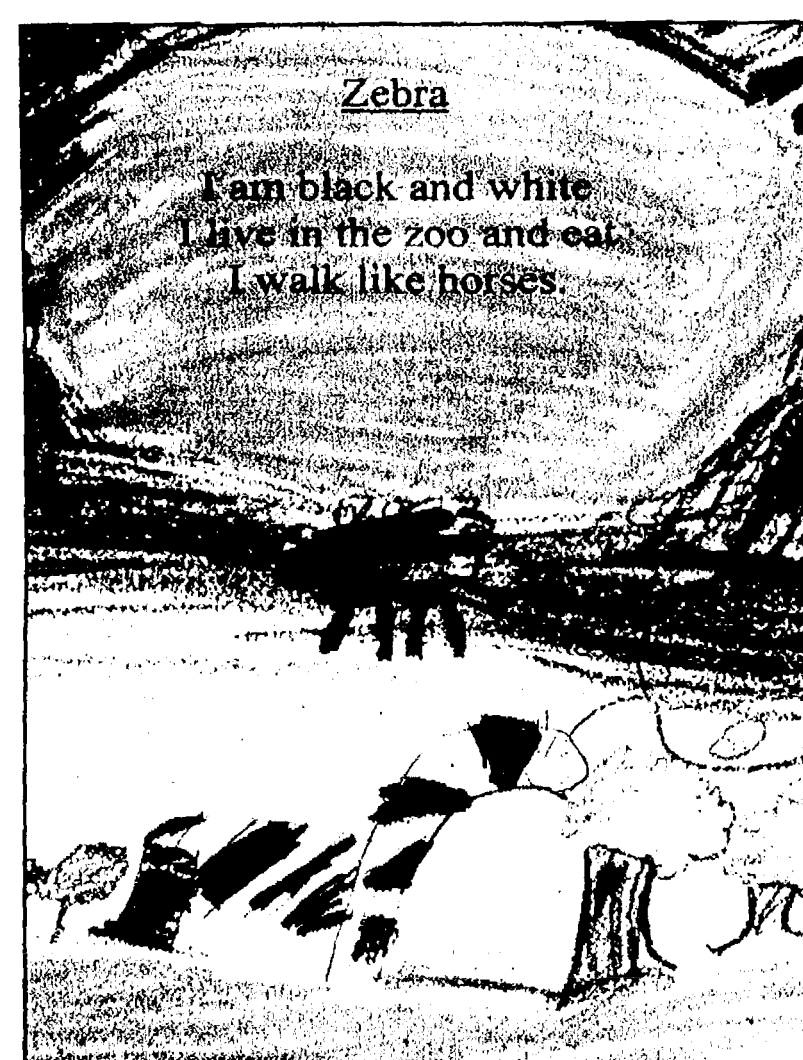
(Above) By Riley Pippin, 2nd Grade, Mrs. Lori Patterson, Animal Haiku.



(Above) By Eliot Boik, Kindergarten, Mrs. Edward's Class.



(Above) By Emma LaLond, Kindergarten, Mrs. DesEnfants' Class.



(Above) By Julianne Greene, 1st Grade, Mrs. Lori Patterson, Animal Haiku.

Poetry from Mrs. Vergeldt's, Mrs. Cobb's, Mrs. Baker's & Ms. Hetfield's classes

By Madison Hehir
Mrs. Vergeldt
First Grade
AuSable Primary
Rain
Falling water
No sun
Raincoats on
Playing in puddles
Rain

By Trent Hulbert
Mrs. Vergeldt
First Grade
AuSable Primary
Halloween Halloween
Trick or treat
Ghosts ghosts
Scary vampires
Popping up!

By Isaiah Brisano &
Alex Kenyon
Mrs. Vergeldt
First Grade
AuSable Primary
Snakes
Slimy bodies
Stinky mouth
Biting teeth
Very very scary
Snakes

Whole Class
Mrs. Vergeldt
First Grade
AuSable Primary
Summer
Flowers blooming
Climbing trees
Sun shining
Swimming in my pool
Summer

By Justin Jamison
Mrs. Vergeldt
First Grade
AuSable Primary
Spring
Getting Warmer
Beautiful Grass

Taking off my coat
Spring

By Robert George
Brinker IV
Mrs. Cobb's
Second Grade
AuSable Primary
The dragon
Rode his wagon
He
Went
So Fast
He was
Gaggin'

By Calvin LaBo Jr.
Mrs. Cobb's
Second Grade
AuSable Elementary
Sun
The sun
is blooming
in the sky
The blue
Sky
It's like a sea

By Brian Beckwith
Mrs. Hetfield's
Second Grade
Poetry Unit
AuSable Elementary
Tigers strong and big
Yellow, black and white
They climb trees

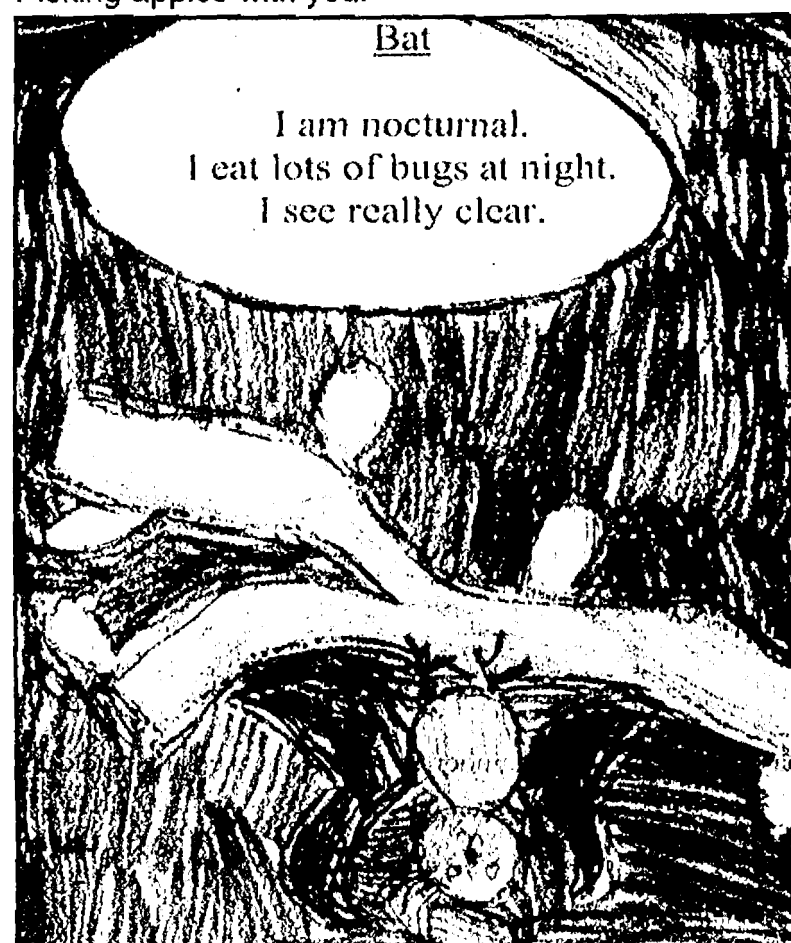
By Randy Allison
Mrs. Cobb's
2nd Grade
AuSable Elementary
The deer
A deer is brown
Eating carrots
Put its head down
With a frown
Only one more carrot

By Miranda Makowski
Mrs. Cobb's
2nd Grade
AuSable Elementary
The pheasant
The pheasant
is pleasant
And also graceful as it
sits
On a branch of a tree
Flies
Down and pecks
On the ground
For bugs

By Jacob Kolka
Mrs. Hetfield's
Second Grade
Poetry Unit
AuSable Elementary
A very juicy snack
Picking apples with your

friends
Picking apples with your
parents
Living the good life with
apples
Eating them all day long

By Jenna Schwartz
Mrs. Baker's Class
AuSable Elementary
Someday I will be a
grown-up.
Someday I will be a
teacher.
Someday I will be a
babysitter.
Someday I will be a cook.
Someday I will be a big
sister.
Someday I will get a
phone.



Dana Trudgeon, 2nd Grade, Mrs. Lori Patterson, Animal Haiku- For this assignment, students wrote animal haikus (3 line poem: 1st with 5 syllables, 2nd with 7 syllables, and 3rd with 5 syllables). The kids read these to the class to see if their friends could guess the title/animal.

Journal Entries About Mrs. Helvie's Field Trip to the Covered Wagon

By Kyung Bindschattel
Mrs. Helvie's class
March 2009
A couple of weeks ago my class and I went into the covered wagon. Mrs. Helvie took a picture of me reading "The Clever Jackals." Colten was with us. The first time she did it her batteries were dead. And the second time her batteries were dead too. When she got new batteries she took some pictures of us. Then we began to read. When we were all done we went back to our rooms.

By Parker Dole
Mrs. Helvie's class
March 2009
When I read in the wagon, I read "Two Crazy Pigs." It is about when they do crazy things, like tickling the hens and tying the cow's tails together while they were giving milk. That's all I can think about and I wish I could read there again.

By Christina Glikerson
Mrs. Helvie's class
March 2009
One day I got to read in the wagon. I read "Rabbit and Coyote." It is a chapter

book. The wagon green and gray and yellow. There are two steps. It was very fun.

By Crimsun Hayes
Mrs. Helvie's class
March 2009
We got to go in the wagon. Mrs. Helvie's camera's batteries died. Mrs. Helvie took my picture and Eli's picture too. We should go in the wagon every day before it is gone because I only got to go in the once. My brother got to go in the wagon 10 times. I read "Emillio and the River." It was fun in the wagon.

By Brett Turner
Mrs. Helvie's class
March 2009
We went in the wagon. I read "Priscilla and the Dinosaur." The wagon is green, white, and yellow. Why I was reading "Priscilla and the Dinosaur?" Mrs. Helvie took my picture reading.

By Olivia VanDeVen
Mrs. Helvie's class
March 2009
My class was in the wagon because we were going to read. I read "The

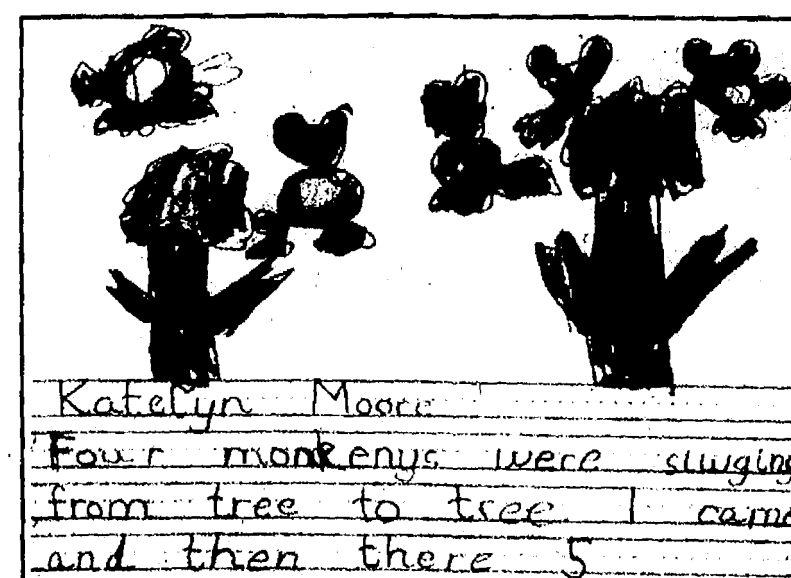
Rollercoaster." Mrs. Helvie took my picture. The wagon was yellow and green. My class had fun sitting and reading in the wagon.

By Russell Mansfield
Mrs. Helvie's class
March 17, 2009
I got in the wagon yesterday. Do you know how I got in? I used the steps. It was fun. I read "Max Rides His Bike."

By Spencer Sinclair
Mrs. Helvie's class
March 17, 2009
We went in the wagon, it was fun. We went in the wagon yesterday and

today. We were reading. When my whole class went in the wagon we were reading in the wagon. It was cool and fun. I sat by Jon and he sat by me. Jon is my best friend and Quintin is my friend.

By Michael Roe
Mrs. Helvie's class
March 17, 2009
I sat in the wagon so I could read books. The wagon is green and yellow and gray. I like reading in the wagon. Mrs. Helvie took a picture of me reading in the wagon.



(Above) By Katelyn Moore, Kindergarten, Ms. Brown's class, Number stories.

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Jury renders not guilty verdict for assault case where man struck estranged girlfriend with truck

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A 37 year-old Houghton Lake man escaped going back to prison for 10 years to life following a two-day jury trial last week.

After 20 minutes of deliberations, a jury found Anthony Walton Bentley not guilty on a charge of assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, a 10-year felony, in Crawford County Circuit Court. Crawford County Prosecutor Everett "Trey" Ayers was also seeking to have Bentley charged as a fourth-degree habitual offender, which could have drawn a sentence of up to the rest of his life in prison.

The trial stems from an incident which took place on June 27, 2008, at 206 Alger Street in the City of Grayling. Bentley was accused of pinning Nathalie Knepper between his Chevy S-10 Blazer and her Jeep after a day of arguing.

Bentley and Knepper had been an on-again-off-again couple over a three-year period prior to the incident.

Bentley had just started a painting business, and agreed to work on a house in Kalkaska County's Bear Lake Township with Knepper. He agreed to do the work, although he had a tumultuous relationship with Knepper and was living with another girlfriend, Kristi Kauffman, in Roscommon County, who Bentley had a child with.

"I was trying to get my name out there, so I could get the business going, and I needed the money," Bentley said.

Bentley had come to Grayling that morning, intending to finish the job, and demanded an advance payment for the remainder of the work. Knepper said she did not want to work that day and did not have the cash. The couple began arguing and Bentley left to get money from a house painting job he did in Mio. He returned to Grayling and was researching patterns for a mural he planned to do at the Red Barn.

Bentley said he saw Knepper at Speedway and they apologized to each other. Bentley agreed to return to Knepper's apartment after she told him her parents would be over and would have money for the house painting job. They continued to argue before and after her parent's visit.

When Knepper threatened to call Kauffman, Bentley said he would have no issue with that. He claimed Knepper threw her cell phone at him and he tossed

the phone off a balcony overlooking the AuSable River.

Bentley said that Knepper begged him to stay over night and threatened to have him charged with home invasion if he removed his painting equipment from the apartment. When he got in his truck, Bentley said Knepper came up and punched him in the face and pounded on the hood of his vehicle causing dents. Bentley claimed he got out of the truck and slapped Knepper once. Knepper said he punched her several times. After getting back in his vehicle, Bentley said he backed his truck up and turned his wheel to make a three-point turn because he doesn't like to back out into traffic. Knepper claimed that Bentley had a wide-eyed look on his face and sped toward her, crushing her between his truck and the jeep.

"When he backed up and pointed that car, it was like he was playing chicken with a human being," Knepper said. "I thought he was trying to scare the life out of me."

Bentley claimed the truck lunged forward in a way he did not anticipate as Knepper was heading toward the back of the driveway to prevent him from leaving. He said he had stabbed the brakes and was coming to a stop when he collided with Knepper. He said the incident was an accident and he had no intention of hurting her.

"I didn't intend to hurt her and I don't think she intended to put herself in harm's way," Bentley testified.

Bentley said that Knepper was still emotional and yelling obscenities at him after he backed the truck up and came to her aid. Bentley helped get Knepper into her apartment, then fled the scene and parked the truck outside an apartment at 599 Meadows Drive. He then traveled to the St. Ignace Car Show with Grayling residents Robbie Childs and Heather Helsel with the intention of checking out air brushing paint booths for his business. He said he was not thinking right and was scared due to his previous run-ins with the law.

Bentley was convicted of unlawfully driving away a motor vehicle in September 2002 and false pretenses under \$200 in November 2005. He spent a year in prison, had just completed two inpatient rehabilitation stays and had completed his parole 45 days before the incident.

"I'd just put my life back

together," Bentley said.

Nola Griffin, whose family lived at 213 Alger Street, said she and friend Denise Soderblom were online shopping on eBay when the incident occurred. Griffin, who called 911, said they heard a young girl crying and moaning and saw a cloud of dust and dirt. Griffin said she recognized Bentley and his truck because her husband, Michael "Mick" Griffin, had confronted Bentley about driving across their driveway in an area where their children played. She testified she heard Bentley say, "shut up and get up" as Knepper was lying in the driveway.

Soderblom said she thought she heard the sound of breaking bones when the accident occurred.

"It was a definite attention getter," Soderblom said.

Grayling City Police Officer Al Somero found Knepper in the doorway of her apartment and said she was obviously in distress and feared she may die. She was transported to Mercy Hospital Grayling. Somero took photos of Knepper's injured legs in the hospital's emergency room and at her apartment after she was released from the hospital. Knepper said that an indentation from the truck's Chevy emblem appeared on her leg.

Somero had Bentley's truck impounded by Milltown Towing.

"That was my main concern, getting it into evidence and out of the rain," Somero said.

He and Detective Sgt. David Johnson from the Grayling Michigan State Police Crime Lab attempted to get palm prints off the hood of the truck, where police and the prosecutor claimed Knepper's hands made the dents when Knepper was trying to prevent herself from falling when she was hit. No prints, blood or skin were found on the truck, but fibers were found in cracks on the grill. Bentley claimed the fibers were from cheap rags he used to wipe off debris left on the truck from North Down River Road construction work while he was traveling to Mio.

Somero said he took measurements of the driveway at the scene, but did not otherwise secure the scene immediately following the incident.

Dr. James Rogers, who examined Knepper in Mercy Hospital Grayling's Emergency Room, said he feared she had compartment syndrome in her right leg

due to the pressure of damaged nerves and tissue under the skin between her knee and toes. Rogers, who is a retired military doctor, said compartment syndrome could have caused Knepper to lose her leg or the use of her leg or cause death due to release of chemicals from the kidneys.

Under cross examination from Bentley's defense attorney Miranda Bailey, Rogers said someone could suffer from compartment syndrome even if X-rays don't reveal fractures or broken bones.

"You don't have to break a bone to lose your leg or your life," Rogers said.

Rogers referred Knepper to Munson Medical Center in Traverse City.

In Bentley's defense, Bailey said her client had no intention of inflicting injuries to Knepper, who he cared for, and was trying to move his life forward.

"He had a child with another woman that he wanted to stay with and preserve his family," Bailey said.

Ayers, who inherited the nearly year-old case from former Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss, had 46th Circuit Court Trial Judge Dennis F. Murphy declare Knepper as a hostile witness near the end of her testimony. Knepper acknowledged that she did not want to testify against Bentley at the trial and became tearful on the stand.

Ayers argued that Bentley had a propensity toward violence during the relationship with Knepper and had once pointed a gun at her.

"This was a heated argument and it blew up real fast," Ayers said. "That is part of why people get killed all the time in these types of situations."



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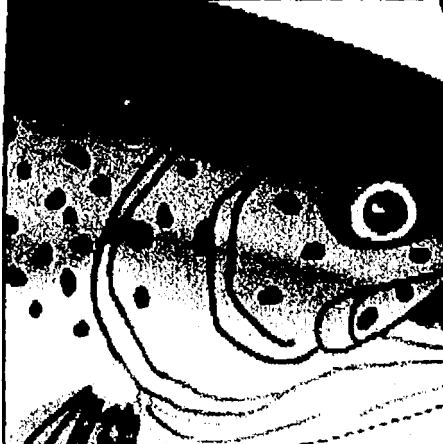
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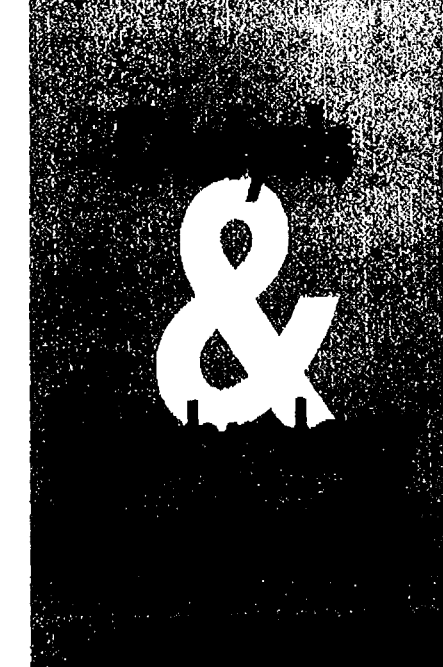


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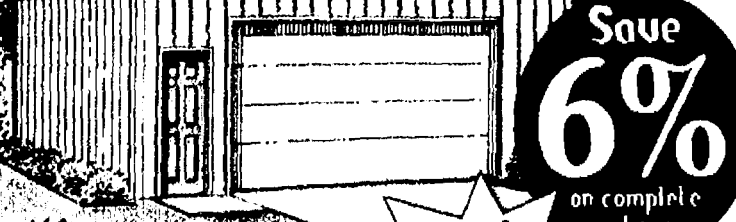
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Ashley Moery dribbles the ball for Grayling vs. the Kalkaska Blazers last week.

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The Grayling Vikings swept the visiting Gaylord Blue Devils in a nonconference varsity baseball series last Thursday, improving Grayling's overall season record to 4-3.

The Vikings won game one of the series by a final score of 8-2.

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Vikings win 2-1 at Kalkaska with last-second goal

Grayling breaks 1-1 tie with 15 seconds remaining

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

Overtime? No thanks. In the final seconds of last Wednesday's varsity girls soccer contest at Kalkaska, the Grayling Vikings broke a 1-1 tie with a goal by Rebecca Money — her second of the game — and defeated the Blazers 2-1.

Wednesday night's contest — a Lake Michigan Conference game — was played in chilly, windy weather at Kalkaska High School. The Vikings got on the scoreboard first with a goal by Money. Kalkaska's goalkeeper deflected a corner kick by Jessica Bindschatel and Money put the loose ball into the net. Grayling led 1-0 with 36:27 left in the first half.

Neither team scored for the last 36 minutes of the first half.

See **VIKINGS WIN** | 3B



Emily Wingard hugs a teammate after Wednesday's 2-1 victory.



Zach Wolcott throws a pitch for the Vikings on Thursday.



Cayla Johnson bats for Grayling during last Thursday's series vs. Gaylord.

Softball team splits series vs. Gaylord

Blue Devils win 6-5, Vikings win 9-7 on Thursday

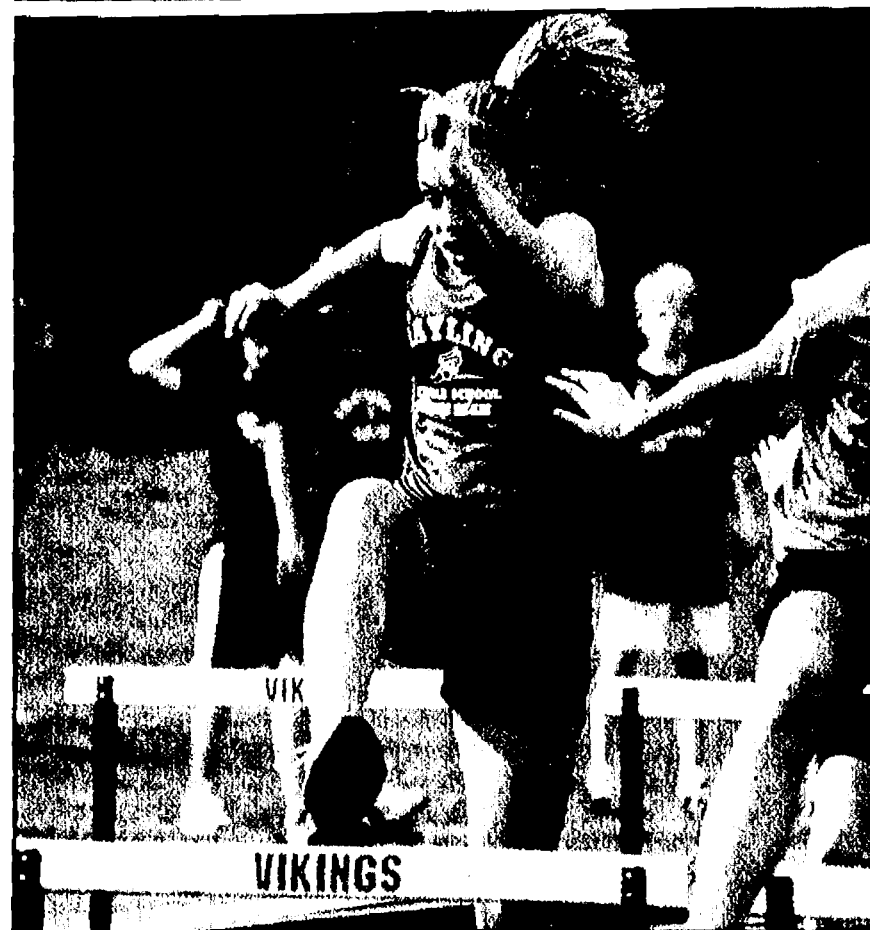
In its only doubleheader of the week — the squad had two series and one tournament canceled due to rain — Grayling High School's varsity softball team posted a split vs. the visiting Gaylord Blue Devils on Thursday.

Gaylord won 6-5 in the first game of the series, despite a solid pitching performance by Joni Bindschatel, who set a new school record with 12 strikeouts in the contest. Bindschatel allowed nine hits and one walk in seven innings.

"Since I've been here, Gaylord has always been a good hitting team. They force your pitcher and catcher to concentrate and hit spots every pitch," Coach Keri

See **SOFTBALL** | 2B

GMS track team hosts meet



Photos by Caleb Casey

Top left: Blake Hatfield, left, and Nick Amaya, right, compete in the 3200m run for Grayling Middle School's track team during last Friday's Grayling Invitational, a meet held at GHS. Top right: Scotty Parkinson leaps a hurdle on Friday. Bottom left: Cierra Prosser competes in a hurdles event. Bottom right: Heather Petty, left, and Tara Iverson, right, take part in the 800m run.

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Baseball squad sweeps Gaylord

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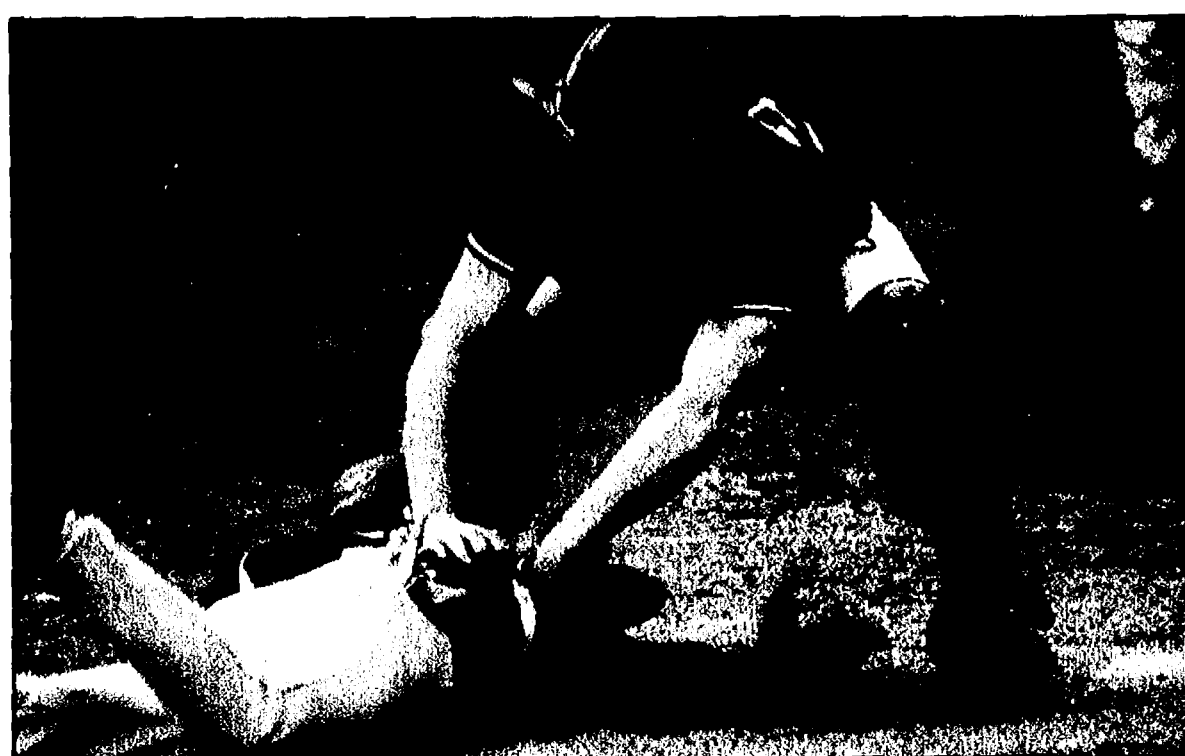
Leading hitters for Grayling included: Luke Schneider, 2 for 4; Tyler Hanson, 3 for 3, 3 RBIs, 2 runs scored, 1 stolen base; Wolcott, 1 for 3, 1 RBI, 1 run scored; Jake Helsel, 2 for 3, 3 RBIs; Peter Alexander, 1 for 2; Eric Ferrigan, 2 for 4, 1 stolen base; Jacob Aubry, 1 for 2, 2 runs scored; Taylor DesEnfants, 1 for 4, 1 run, 1 stolen base; Jensen Aubry, 1 for 3, 1 run, 1 RBI.

In game two, the two teams combined for 29 runs in a contest Grayling won by three, 16-13.

Jensen Aubry was the starting pitcher for Grayling and DesEnfants, who picked up the win, pitched 1.2 scoreless innings in relief.

Leading hitters for the Vikings in game two were: Schneider, 2 for 3, 2 runs scored, 3 RBIs; Hanson, 1 for 3, 1 run scored, 1 RBI; Jimmy Osga, 2 for 3, 3 RBIs; Wolcott, 2 for 3, 2 runs scored, 2 RBIs, 1 stolen base; Helsel, 1 for 3, 1 RBI; Ferrigan, 1 for 1, 3 runs; DesEnfants, 1 for 3, 1 run; Jensen Aubry, 2 for 2 (home run), 3 runs scored, 4 RBIs.

The Vikings (4-3 overall, 0-3 league) will host the Kalkaska Blazers on Thursday, April 30, at 4:30 p.m.



Photos by Caleb Casey

Catcher Jake Helsel blocks the plate and applies a tag to a Gaylord base runner during an attempt to steal home.



Tyler Hanson slides into third base on Thursday.

Softball team splits series vs. Gaylord

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Brock said. "Joni hit spots well and was able to keep the batters slightly off-balance, which led to 12 strikeouts and just one walk. That's definitely the pitching performance we were looking for; however, once Gaylord got a hit we would follow it with an error, which made a comeback that much harder."

"Gaylord's pitcher, Liz Bauman, really went after our hitters for the first five innings. They decided to rest her arm and bring in some relief pitching. We jumped on the next pitcher and rattled off five runs in the seventh, but were unable to score runners on second and third with two

outs," Coach Brock said.

Leading hitters for Grayling in game one were: Teresa Schreiber, 1 for 4, single; Kelsey Neuberger, 1 for 4, double, 1 run scored, 1 RBI; Sam Schreiber, 1 for 4, single, 1 run scored; Bindschatel, 2 for 3, 2 singles; Cayla Johnson, 1 for 4, double, 1 run scored; Makenna Harwood, 1 for 3, double, 1 run scored, 1 RBI.

In the second game of the series, the Vikings defeated the Blue Devils by a final score of 9-7.

Bindschatel was the winning pitcher for Grayling. She allowed nine hits, three walks, and five earned runs in seven innings and finished with six strikeouts.

"In the nightcap, we jumped out to an 8-0 lead and looked tough on both sides of the ball. Our immaturity started to show and we got comfortable with our lead rather than pressing the issue. Gaylord chipped away over a couple innings and made us fight for the victory," Coach Brock said. "Joni picked up the win, allowing nine hits, three walks, and six strikeouts. She set a school record in the first game with 12 strikeouts."

"Makenna Harwood continues to hit the ball hard. She picked up three hits in the doubleheader, including a home run to dead center field," Coach Brock said.

Leading hitters for the

Vikings included: Harwood, 2 for 3, single, home run, 2 runs scored, 1 RBI; T. Schreiber, 1 for 3, single, 1 run scored; Neuberger, 2 for 4, single, double, 1 run scored; Bindschatel, 1 for 2, single, 2 walks, 2 runs scored; Kirstie Wakeley, 3 for 4, 3 singles, 1 run scored, 1 RBI; Johnson, 3 for 4, 3 singles, 1 run scored, 1 RBI; Shalee Miller, 1 walk, 1 run scored.

The Vikings (4-4 overall, 1-3 league) will host Kalkaska on Thursday, April 30, at 4:30 p.m.

"This week will be a true test with huge league games against St. Francis and Kalkaska," Coach Brock said.



Shortstop Kirstie Wakeley, left, throws the ball into the infield from left field. Sam Schreiber, right, catches a pitch during last Thursday's series vs. Gaylord.



Photos by Caleb Casey

JV softball team loses two at Gaylord

The GHS junior varsity softball squad lost both games of a doubleheader at Gaylord last Thursday. The team's series scheduled for Monday and Tuesday were rained out.

The Blue Devils defeated the Vikings 18-0, 17-2 on Thursday night.

"Gaylord is a great offensive and defensive team. They are continually moving and continually talking to each other. Their pitcher, Sam Watts, is fast and accurate most of the time, getting 10 strikeouts against us. I don't think my girls played to the best of their ability, but

Gaylord didn't make many mistakes to help us out either. We did a little better getting on base in the second game, but just couldn't turn them into many runs," Coach Sarah Allen said. "We have a lot of things to work on and hopefully we will be more prepared next year."

Leading hitters for Grayling included: (game one) Jordan Stephan, 1 for 2; Katie Lange, 1 for 1, 2 stolen

bases; August Ledesma, 1 for 1; (game two) Tabatha Watkins, 1 for 2, 1 walk; Kristi Helsel, 1 for 2; Lange, 1 for 2, 1 walk, 2 stolen bases, 1 run scored; Olivia Peters, 2 for 2, 1 walk, 1 run scored, 1 RBI; Ledesma, 2 for 2; Kelsey Dean, 1 for 2, 1 walk.

The JV team (1-5 overall) will play at Kalkaska on Thursday, April 30, at 4:30 p.m.

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Vikings win 2-1 at Kalkaska with last-second goal

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Kalkaska tied the score at 1-1 with a goal at the second half's 28:39 mark.

In the last few minutes of regulation, the Vikings generated several scoring chances, but were unable to capitalize. The contest appeared to be headed for overtime.

With 15 seconds remaining in the game, Money scored a goal — the game winner — on an assist from Peggy Currison. The Vikings won 2-1.

"They played aggressive right till the very end," Coach Craig Cobb said. "I'm proud of the way they stuck with it. We had some great set-up passes in the last five minutes that gave us chances to take advantage of opportunities."

"I'm happy with the attitude and work ethic," Coach Cobb said.

The win improved Grayling's season record to 2-2.

On Monday night, the

Vikings lost 6-0 at Elk Rapids.

"Ciara Summers had a great game in goal with 28 saves," Coach Cobb said. "Again, I was happy with the effort that the girls put into the game. We will continue to work on our defense to offense transition."

On Thursday night, Grayling fell 4-0 at Harbor Springs.

"The score was 0-1 at (halftime). Second half we came out lethargic and Harbor Springs took advantage of their opportunities," Coach Cobb said. "Tonight our main struggle was our lack of movement when we had the ball; however, the girls worked very hard and I continue to see improvements in our passing and defense, which is encouraging to see."

"Ciara Summers had a great game in goal with 25 saves during the game," Coach Cobb said.

The Vikings (2-3 overall,



Photo by Caleb Casey

Alexis Dandy goes up for an airborne ball during last week's game at Kalkaska.

2-3 league) will host the Thursday, April 30, at 5 Kalkaska Blazers on p.m.

Boys team takes 2nd at JV track meet

Grayling High School's boys track team placed second out of eight teams at last Wednesday's Kiwanis Harbor Springs 9th and 10th Grade Invitational.

Charlevoix took first. Other teams at the meet included Cheboygan, Harbor Springs, Sault Ste. Marie, Pellston, Kalkaska, and East Jordan.

Cody Myers set a meet record and a personal record of 11.51 in the 100m dash. He also established a meet record of 24.08 and a personal record in the 200m dash, and he ran one leg for

Grayling's 800m relay team, a group that finished first.

Devon Dawson took second in the mile run with a personal record of 4:56.49. Dawson took first in the two-mile run with a time of 10:43.82 and he helped lead the 4x400m relay team to a second place finish.

Nick McDonald took second in the 800m run.

"This was a good meet for us. We had some strong performances in this meet. We had a lot of personal records and that is encouraging for me as a coach. This is the

first time we ran this meet and it was a great experience for the younger members on the track team. Usually, freshmen and sophomores run up against juniors and seniors and do quite well at times, and at other times it is evident on who is older," Coach Matt Collins said. "This was a good meet for the guys to see where they are in comparison to other 9th and 10th graders, whereas with other meets it can be quite discouraging."

Harbor Springs took first in the girls competition.

Sault Ste. Marie took second.

Results for Grayling included: Josie Swander, 4th, 3200m run; Richelle Grosskopf, 6th, 100m dash; Sam Hansen, 5th, 200m dash.

"This was a great opportunity for the 9th and 10th graders to compete against their own age group," Coach Tim Gariglio said. "It gives them an opportunity to see what they will be facing in the next few years."

The Vikings will compete in a league meet at East Jordan on Monday, May 4.

Crawford AuSable Soccer Association

U-15 travel team — The Crawford AuSable Soccer Association's U-15 travel soccer team played its first two games of the season on Saturday, April 19. As part of the Northern Michigan Soccer Alliance, this co-ed team of 15 players ages 12-15 will be playing a total of eight games this spring against teams from Traverse City and Elk Rapids.

According to the squad's coaches, "The Grayling team has some very skilled, experienced players like Trevor Dewitt, Tyler Powers, Alyssa Morley, Kyle Webb, Evan and Levi Korneli, Jared and Jacob Robbins, Jeff LaVigne, Brandon Hassett, Angie Rouston, Sarah Goodyear, and Jon Petrie. Two fearless 12 year-old players, Meghan Beard and Nick Petrie, joined the team and are making a great contribution against much bigger and older opponents."

The team's coaches are Ken Rouston, Carolyn Dewitt, and Nick Sendek.

"Grayling lost their first games to a pair of very talented Traverse City teams, but there were several outstanding Grayling performers. Jared Robbins scored the lone Grayling goal in the second game. Goalkeeper Evan Korneli shut out the Traverse City team in the first half of the first game with several diving, miraculous saves, allowing no goals," Grayling coaches said.

Don Cunningham, the opposing coach, said after the game, "That was one of the finest goal tending performances I have ever seen in this league."

Coach Rouston said, "We are at a big disadvantage



Grayling's Alyssa Morley and Jeff LaVigne play against the Traverse City Thunder.

against these talent rich teams that come from communities with a rich soccer tradition and a much larger pool of players to draw from. Over half of our team consists of 12- and 13-year-old players, while our opponents are generally all 14- and 15-year-old boys. But these Grayling kids have plenty of spunk and they come out

here to play because they love soccer."

The team will play on Sunday, May 3, at the Hanson Hills Soccer Field on Old Lake Road. Game times are 1 p.m. (Elk Rapids vs. Grayling), 3 p.m. (Traverse City Warhogs vs. Grayling), and 5 p.m. (Traverse City Warhogs vs. Elk Rapids).

Legal Action

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT CRAWFORD COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT - FAMILY DIVISION PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING

FILE NO. 09-7556 -NC
In the matter of JOSEPH DANIEL MAURICE COLLINS

TAKE NOTICE:

A Hearing will be held on a Petition for Name Change

Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2009

Time: 2:30 p.m.
Place: Crawford County Probate Court, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738
Petitioner: Joseph Daniel Maurice Collins
Proposed Name: Daniel Maurice Collins

4/13/09

Joseph Daniel Maurice Collins
10875 Sam Ellsworth Ridge
Roscommon, MI 48653

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF

CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 09-7565-DE
Estate of Joyce Goudie Date of birth: 1-23-1944

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PROCEEDINGS Held on the 13th Day of April 2009

Mayor Akers called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM with a quorum present.

Approval of the Agenda and Consent Agenda.

The City Manager gave his report and updated the City Council on several different issues. Highlighted subjects were on amendment to the Code of Ordinance Book with reference to the Planning Commission Ordinance, 1-75 construction updates, mediation regarding 402 Erie Street, AuSable River City

Park Clean-up, participation costs for the S.T.I.N.G. program and Major and Local Streets budget taking a hard hit due to the harsh winter.

Approval of designating the intersection of Lake and Erie Streets as a four-way stop.

Review of Reports.

Mayor Akers adjourned the meeting at 7:30 PM.

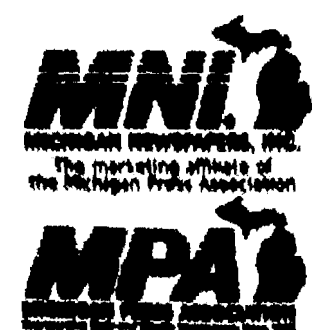
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NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, June 10, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. local time, the undersigned will:

At the front door to the County Bldg in Grayling, MI

sell at public auction to the highest bidder, the premises described in said mortgage or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due on said mortgage, including all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows:

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The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with 1948 CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 20, 2009

Mortgagee
Community Financial Members
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Pamela S. Ritter (P47886)
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Dated: April 16, 2009

THE HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK
Mortgagee/Assignee

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.
23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450
Southfield, MI 48075

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Edward C. Robinson II and Barbara M. Robinson, husband and wife, Mortgagors, to Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation nka Green Tree Servicing, LLC, Mortgagee, dated the 6th day of October, 1997 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 8th day of October, 1997 in Liber 439 of Crawford County Records, page 409, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Fifty Two Thousand Four Hundred Two & 98/100 (\$52,402.98), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of May, 2009 at 10:00 o'clock am Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the County Bldg. in Grayling MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 10.490% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

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Dated: 4/23/2009

Green Tree Servicing, LLC
Mortgagee

FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C.
Attorney for Green Tree Servicing, LLC
888 W. Big Beaver, Suite 800
Troy, MI 48064
248-362-2600

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by KELLY R. PETERS and HOLLY ANN PETERS, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated January 15, 2008, and recorded on January 24, 2008, in Liber 690, on Page 42, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Six Thousand One Hundred Forty-Two Dollars and No Cents (\$106,142.00), including interest at 7.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 AM o'clock, on June 3, 2009

Said premises are located in Crawford County, Michigan and are described as:
LOTS 12, 13, 14, AND 15, BLOCK 2, PORTAGE HEIGHTS ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 23, CRAWFORD COUNTY RECORDS.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 23, 2009

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns,

Mortgagee/Assignee

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.
23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450
Southfield, MI 48075

-30-7-14-21

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Nelson L. Betts, Married, original mortgagor(s), to Executive Mortgage of Michigan, LLC, Mortgagee, dated August 10, 2006, and recorded on August 23, 2006 in Liber 682 on Page 841, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Fifth Third Mortgage Company, as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty Thousand Nine

Hundred Forty-Six And 15/100 Dollars (\$120,946.15), including interest at 6.5% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on May 27, 2009. Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, lying North of South Hill Road in Section 25, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, South Branch Township, State of Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 23, 2009

For more information, please call: FC J 248.593.1311
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway,
Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #257566F01

-23-30-7-14

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Daniel Carney and Carol A. Bennett-Carney, Husband and Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated March 18, 2005, and recorded on March 22, 2005 in Liber 674 on Page 302, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eighty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Five And 16/100 Dollars (\$187,545.16), including interest at 6% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on May 13, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 7, Meadowbrook Manor, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the Recorded Plat thereof, as Recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 60, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 9, 2009

For more information, please call: FC S 248.593.1304

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-9-16-23-30

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Patrick J. Hiar, unmarried, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated January 26, 2006, and recorded on February 3, 2006 in Liber 679

on Page 717, and assigned by said Mortgagee to WM Specialty Mortgage LLC as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifteen Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Nine And 83/100 Dollars (\$115,449.83), including interest at 7.898% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on June 3, 2009. Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Southwest corner of the East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 for the point of beginning, thence East 200 feet, thence North 416 feet, thence West 200 feet, thence South 416 feet to Point of Beginning, in Section 3, Town 25 North, Range 4 West

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 30, 2009
For more information, please call: FC R 248.593.1305
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway,
Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #202337F02

-30-7-14-21

Grayling Charter Township to hold public hearing on ORV ordinance

The Grayling Charter Township Board of Trustees will meet in public session on Wednesday, May 6th, 2009, at 7 p.m. in the town hall to hear public comment on the ORV ordinance proposed by the County of Crawford. The Grayling Township Hall is located at 2090 Viking Way, Grayling.

Grayling Township has the opportunity to make one of two decisions:

1) Designate certain local roads as being closed to ORV shoulder traffic, or 2) Opt out of the proposed ordinance altogether, leaving all local roads in the township open to ORV shoulder traffic.

Local roads do not include private roads, nor state or federal roads, including I-75, M-93, and M-72. ORV traffic on the shoulders of those roads will not be permitted. If you have a question about the ownership of any road in Grayling Township, contact the Crawford County Road Commission for verification.

The township board of trustees will make their decision, after receiving public comment. Their decision will then be passed on to the Crawford County Board of Commissioners prior to the adoption of their proposed ordinance on May 20th.

The public is encouraged to attend this hearing.

Terry Wright
Supervisor/Zoning Administrator

Frederic Township Building and Zoning Public Notice to Residents

Frederic Township resident be notified the Planning Commission will be holding a public hearing on May 11, 2009, at 7:00 pm in the Frederic Township Hall, located at 7564 C. R. 612, to hear the following case.

2009 Z 501 Owner: Larry Myas, (formerly known as Able Auto Parts)
Ron Fisk (F&F Excavating),
Petitioner
5517 S. Old 27
Gaylord, MI 49735
Property Address: 8309 N. Old 27
Frederic Township
Parcel # 20-031-023-014-060-00

The Petitioner is requesting a special use permit to operate a salvage yard located at the above property. The property is located in a recreational forest/AuSable River zoning districts.

The planning commission will also hear any concerns that come in front of the board.

Tentative text and maps can be examined at the Frederic Township office during normal business hours.

Correspondence concerning the request should be directed to Frederic Township Zoning Dept., P.O. Box 78, Frederic, MI 49733 Telephone (989) 348-8778.

Douglas J. Pratt
Frederic Twp
Zoning Administrator

Crawford County Road Commission NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Crawford County Road Commission will receive sealed bids until 9:30 a.m. (for a bid opening during the regular meeting) on Thursday, April 30th, 2009, at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, PO Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648, for furnishing season requirements of the following materials and/or items:

Aggregates - F.O.B. Suppliers Pit
Corrugated Plastic Pipe
Corrugated Metal Pipe
Hot Mix & Cold Patch Asphalt
Asphalt Emulsions
Blades

All materials must meet current Michigan Department of Transportation specifications. Additional information may be obtained at the office of the undersigned.

Specifications and bid documents may be obtained by contacting the Crawford County Road Commission at the above address.

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities in the bids and to award the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

Board of Crawford County Road Commissioners

Ken Riehle, Chairman
John Hartman, Vice-Chairman
Jim Burch, Commissioner

Legal Action

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Patrick Moore an unmarried man, as his sole and separate property, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 28, 2005, and recorded on August 8, 2005 in Liber 676 on Page 612, in Crawford County records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to CitiMortgage, Inc. as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Seven and 21/100 Dollars (\$165,070.21), including interest at 6.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on May 27, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel "F": Part of the North 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 32, Town 27 North, Range 3 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan: Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section 32, Thence South 89 degrees 57 minutes West (along the North Section Line), 840.76 feet, Thence South 36 degrees 32 minutes 20 seconds West, 547.49 feet, Thence South 10 degrees 43 minutes 50 seconds West, 300 feet to the point of beginning; Thence continuing South 10 degrees 43 minutes 50 seconds West, 220 feet; Thence South 88 degrees 43 minutes 50 seconds West, 412.25 feet to the Left Bank of the East Branch of the AuSable River, Thence North 46 degrees 43 minutes 50 seconds East, (along said river bank), 86.55 feet, Thence North 17 degrees 14 minutes 50 seconds East (along said river bank), 70.2 feet, Thence North 25 degrees 17 minutes 10 seconds West (along said river bank), 126.90 feet, Thence North 13 degrees 04 minutes 10 seconds West (along said river bank), 123.0 feet, Thence South 73 degrees 16

minutes 10 seconds East 471.22 feet to the point of beginning.

This parcel extends to the centerline of the East Branch of the AuSable River, Also Subject to and use of easements as shown on Survey Map, recorded in Liber 182, Page 524, Crawford County Records The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 23, 2009 For more information, please call: FC C 248.593.1301 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #259404F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Tammy M Peterson, a married woman and Brad W Peterson, her husband, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 2, 2007, and recorded on November 8, 2007 in Liber 689 on Page 224, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred And 61/100 Dollars (\$129,300.61), including interest at 6.625% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on June 3, 2009. Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 12, Town 26 North, Range 4 West, commencing 56.0 feet East and 484.5 feet South from the Northwest corner of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 12, Town 26 North, Range 4 West, thence North 86 degrees 46 minutes East a distance of 463.7 feet; thence South 0 degrees 49 minutes West a distance of 251 feet; thence South 89 degrees 49 minutes West 350 feet more or less to the North bank of

AuSable River; thence Northwesterly upstream along said river bank a distance of 182.0 feet, more or less, thence North 99.0 feet to the place of beginning. Together with an easement for purpose of ingress and egress over and across the presently existing trail road which traverse the property South of the above described property to the County Road as described in a Land Contract recorded in Liber 61, page 231, Crawford County Records and a survey recorded in Liber 202, page 584, Crawford County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 30, 2009 For more information, please call: FC X 248.593.1302 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #260487F01

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jewel R Schuster a married woman, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 7, 2007, and recorded on June 13, 2007 in Liber 687 on Page 307, in Crawford County records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-One Thousand Four Hundred Fifty And 10/100 Dollars (\$71,450.10), including interest at 7% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on June 3, 2009. Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 97, Ausable Woods No. 4, Grayling Township, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 33, Crawford County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

od shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: April 30, 2009 For more information, please call: FC S 248.593.1304 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #259142F01

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE

FORECLOSURE NOTICE RANDALL S. MILLER & ASSOCIATES, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by

Lawrence J. Julian and Janet Julian a/k/a Janet K. Julian, husband and wife to The Cit Group/Consumer Finance, Inc., Mortgagee, dated October 23, 2001, and recorded on November 5, 2001, in Liber 558, Page 397, Crawford County Records, said mortgage was assigned to The Bank of New York Mellon f/k/a The Bank of New York, as Trustee for Amortizing Residential Collateral Trust, 2002-BC1 by an Assignment of Mortgage dated August 28, 2007 and recorded on September 11, 2007 in Liber 688 on Page 476, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SIXTY NINE AND 42/100 DOLLARS (\$18,969.42) including interest at the rate of 10.080% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the Circuit Court in said Crawford County, where the premises to be sold or some part of them are situated, at 10:00 AM on May 13, 2009. Said premises are situated in the Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The North 100 feet of the South 800 feet of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 17, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, Township of Frederic, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, 3563 N Manistee River Road The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. Dated: April 9, 2009 Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys For Assignee 43252 Woodward Ave., Suite 180 Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302 (248) 335-9200 Our File No. 256.00131ASAP# 3052199 04/09/2009, 04/16/2009, 04/23/2009, 04/30/2009

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days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Dated: April 16, 2009 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 File No. 310.4219 ASAP# 3060667 04/16/2009, 04/23/2009, 04/30/2009, 05/07/2009

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

SCHNEIDERMAN & SHERMAN, P.C. IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248)539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by JAMES E. SCHUSTER and JEWEL R. SCHUSTER, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS TENANTS BY THE ENTIRETY, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns., Mortgagee, dated January 11, 2007, and recorded on January 30, 2007, in Liber 685, on Page 101, and assigned by said mortgagee to DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL I INC. TRUST 2007-HE6, as assigned, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventy-One Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Six Dollars and Forty-Nine Cents (\$171,456.49), including interest at 9.270% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 AM o'clock, on May 20, 2009 Said premises are located in Crawford County, Michigan and are described as: PARCEL: 53; COMMENCING AT THE SOUTH 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 11, TOWN 26 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST ALONG 1/4 LINE 410.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 82 DEGREES 43 MINUTES WEST 644.4 FEET, THENCE NORTH 28 DEGREES 11 MINUTES EAST 291.9 FEET; THENCE NORTH 16 DEGREES 12 MINUTES EAST 680.2 FEET, THENCE NORTH 70 DEGREES 41 MINUTES EAST 334.85 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST ALONG 1/4 LINE 1057.95 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. BEING PART OF THE SOUTH-WEST 1/4 OF SECTION 11, TOWN 26 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, GRAYLING TOWNSHIP. TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT 66.0 FEET WIDE, LYING 33.00 FEET EITHER SIDE OF A CENTERLINE DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTH 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 11, TOWN 26 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST ALONG SECTION LINE 1364.95 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE NORTH 43 DEGREES 01 MINUTES EAST 114.00 FEET THENCE NORTH 58 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 765.40 FEET, THENCE NORTH 29 DEGREES 11 MINUTES EAST 291.90 FEET, THENCE NORTH 16 DEGREES 12 MINUTES EAST 680.2 FEET TO THE POINT OF ENDING. FURTHER SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT 33.0 FEET WIDE LYING SOUTH OF AND ADJACENT TO A LINE DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTH 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 11, TOWN 26 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST ALONG 1/4 LINE 1467.75 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 78 DEGREES 41 MINUTES WEST 334.85 FEET TO THE POINT OF ENDING. SAID EASEMENTS TO BE USED IN COMMON BY THE PARTIES HERETO. THEIR HEIRS AND ASSIGNS. FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS, AND THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A PUBLIC UTILITIES. FURTHER TOGETHER WITH A SPECIAL USE PERMIT GRANTED BY UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO MAINTAIN A PRIVATE ROAD OVER GOVERNMENT LANDS IN THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 14, TOWN 26 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, TO THEIR HEIRS AND ASSIGNS FOREVER. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: April 9, 2009 DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL I INC. TRUST 2007-HE6 Mortgage/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450 Southfield, MI 48075 ASAP# 3059693 04/16/2009, 04/23/2009, 04/30/2009, 05/07/2009

INVITATION TO BID

Crawford County Building & Site Improvements Phase 1 Grayling, Michigan

Crawford County will accept sealed bids at the County Building, 200 West Michigan, Grayling, Michigan 49738, until 10:00 A.M. local time, May 15, 2009 for the Building & Site Improvements Phase 1 project.

The project consists of furnishing all labor, materials, and equipment for construction of an approximately 2,700sf masonry building addition, the associated site work, utilities, sidewalks, landscaping and various interior renovations of the existing building.

The instructions to bidders, drawings, and specifications may be examined at the County Building and at the office of the Engineer, Northwest Design Group, Inc., 2940 Parkview Drive, Petoskey, MI 49770. Bidding documents may be purchased from the Engineer for the non-refundable fee of \$125.00 per set.

Bids must be made upon the appropriate bidding forms. All bids must be plainly marked as to their content. A certified check or bidder's bond for the sum not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid will be required with each bid.

The bidder to whom a contract is awarded will be required to furnish a performance bond and a labor and material payment bond, each in the amount of on hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount.

No bid may be withdrawn for 30 days after the bid opening date.

Crawford County reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive defects or abnormalities in bids, and to accept the bid deemed to be in their best interest.

Paul Compo, Crawford County Controller
April, 2009

Grayling Charter Township Zoning Board to hold public hearing

The Grayling Charter Township Zoning Board of Appeals will meet in public session on Monday, May 18th, 2009, at 7 p.m. in the town hall to hear public comment on the following requests:

Case # 09-02	Request for dimensional variance
Petitioner:	Terry and Marilyn Marsh
Address:	2521 Mapleview S.E.
	Grand Rapids, MI 49508
Local Address:	3729 Grove St.
	Grayling, MI 49738
Property ID#	040-45-840-00-005-00
Zoning:	Natural River District
Lot size:	37,050 sq. ft.
Request:	Request a 92-ft. variance, to construct an 8-ft. by 30-ft. addition on the back of an existing residence, and add a 26-ft. by 30 ft. garage, linked by a breezeway. The closest point of construction to the AuSable River would be 108-ft., including a 7-ft. rise in bank.
Zoning Justification:	Ordinance 2003-02, Article XVI, Section 16.07 Ordinance 2003- 02, Article XVII, Section 17.01

The public is encouraged to attend this hearing.

Text and maps of requests are on file in the township offices and are available for public review during normal working hours. The Grayling Township offices and meeting room are located at 2090 Viking Way, Grayling. Questions pertaining to this request may be directed to the Grayling Township Zoning Administrator at the town hall, or by calling (989) 348-4361.

Terry Wright
Supervisor/Zoning Administrator

GOODALE'S MINI STORAGE 4602 HANSON ST GRAYLING WILL BE SELLING THE FOLLOWING UNITS AT AUCTION ON MAY 20, 2009 AT 3:00PM

UNIT B4 rented to Sharon Lynk containing desk, shelf, bulletin board, microwave, end table, knick knacks
UNIT BB3 rented to Kevin Murphy containing dryer, stove, refrigerator, chain saw, weight set, lawn trimmer, TV entertainment center, couch
UNIT BB9 rented to Jeffery Partlow containing gun safe, tools, chain saw, furniture, cooker, kitchen utensils, sporting goods, helmets.
UNIT D81 rented to Randall Waters contains air hockey table, chairs, VCR, Hot Wheels cars, bed table, games, microwave
UNIT D116 rented to Steve Southard containing pinball machines, hockey equipment, furniture, heaters, videos, camping, holiday decorations, shelving, kitchen, weight bench, tools, wheelchair lift
UNIT E18 rented to Deborah Johnson contains popcorn machines, holiday decoration, kitchen, lawn mower, furniture, wicker, trimmer, records, grill
UNIT E22 rented to Winnie Gilligan contains aquarium, speakers, books, misc. furniture, doll, vacuum, kitchen appliances, clothes

Features

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A Look At Our Past FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



May 1, 1986 - The Grayling Middle School band students that received high marks at solo and ensemble were: (front row left to right) Marcie Boersma, Kristie Lamie, Kim Edinger, Jody Ball, Cheryl Johnson; (middle row) Richard Moss, Shannon Phillips, Jessica Perrit, Anna Hagemester, Josh Woodland; (back row) Kevin Austin, Teddy Johnston, Matt Branch, Casey Goeckerman and Chad Ormsbee.

23 Years Ago May 1, 1986

In the same month that ice left Lake Margrethe, there were water skiers and swimmers testing it. Dazed by an April heat wave, Crawford County residents donned shorts and bathing suits, spread on suntan oil and yes, some even took the plunge over the weekend as temperatures soared. Saturday's high of 79 was topped early Sunday when a high of 85 was recorded.

Richard and Connie Kahn, owners of the A & W, cut a ribbon to celebrate their new look and expansion. A new 400 square foot addition with a sun roof and windows along the west side gave the 25-year old A

&W Grayling franchise a new look. The seating capacity has also tripled with the new addition. They plan on keeping the business open year round.

Bill Roach, of Grayling, won the Hustle Award for his play on the Grand Valley State College varsity basketball team for 1985-86. Roach was one of three senior letter winners of the 14-14 GVSC team. He played in 22 games, scored 21 points, had 18 assists and four steals.

Two members of the Grayling High School Individual Speech Events Team traveled to Ferris State College in Big Rapids for the Regional Forensic Tournament. Senior

Stephanie Hindmarsh and junior Kim McDonough represented the 1986 squad at Regionals by winning at District competition. At Regionals, Kim placed sixth and Stephanie placed first in their respective events. While Kim missed qualifying for State Individual Event competition by two places, Stephanie will go to the University of Michigan on May 2 to participate in the State Finals.

The Grayling High School baseball team pounded Onaway 10-0 in the opener and used a two-run home run in the top of the seventh to win the second game 6-5. Jeff Palmer limited Onaway to four hits in the opening game as Grayling played solid defense. The team had no errors and Palmer didn't walk anyone while striking out six.

46 Years Ago May 2, 1963

Grayling superintendent of schools Joseph Stripe revealed the honor students of the 1963 graduation class of Grayling High School. Named as valedictorian was Donna Jean Fenton, daughter of the Elmer Fentons, and as salutatorian was Carole Anne Gross, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gross.

The Hanson Cafe (Al and Jessie's) has new red leather chairs for customers, and in the kitchen, a new walk-in cooler, new floor and linoleum and a new paint

job.

A new service station is being constructed by Art Clough of Grayling at the intersection of M-72 and the I-75 Business Loop at the south edge of Grayling. The station will be leased to John Stamply when completed. It will be the second station in town carrying Leonard brand petroleum products.

69 Years Ago May 2, 1940

Ted Morris, age 13, felt he had gotten his limit for the day when on the opening morning of trout season he landed an 18 inch brown trout. It was caught in the AuSable River near the State Street Bridge.

The Olaf Sorenson and Son store has had a fine new Flexotile sheet marble floor laid throughout their store. It is reddish brown and mixed marble aggregate and is bound to be very lasting.

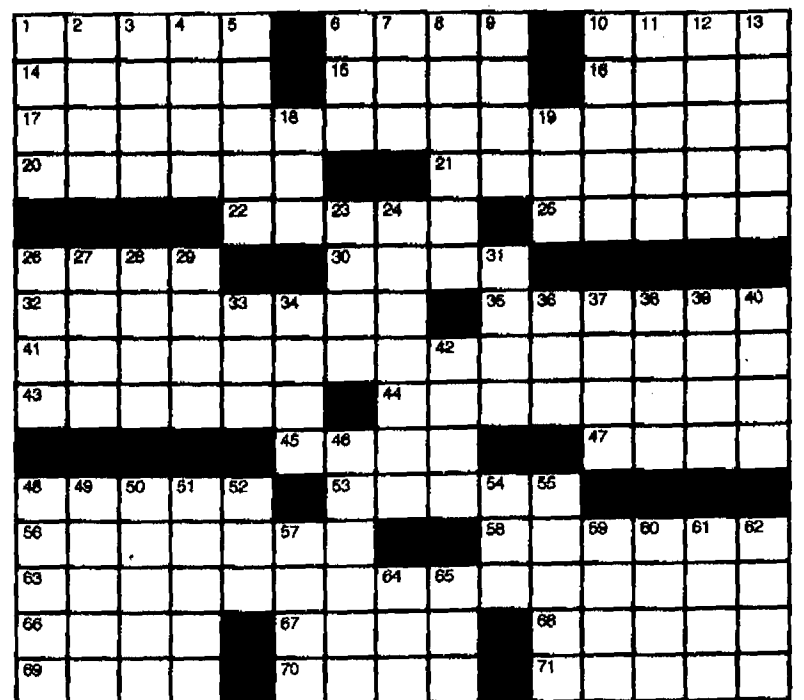
92 Years Ago May 3, 1917

Elmer Head and family of South Branch Township are moving to Johannesburg this week. Mr. Head has purchased the meat market of George McKenzie of Johannesburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Kraus and their little son are comfortably settled in their new home on Michigan Avenue.

Ed Strell has purchased the pool room of Harold Swaffield and took possession Tuesday. Mr. Strell has been employed at the City Restaurant for several years.

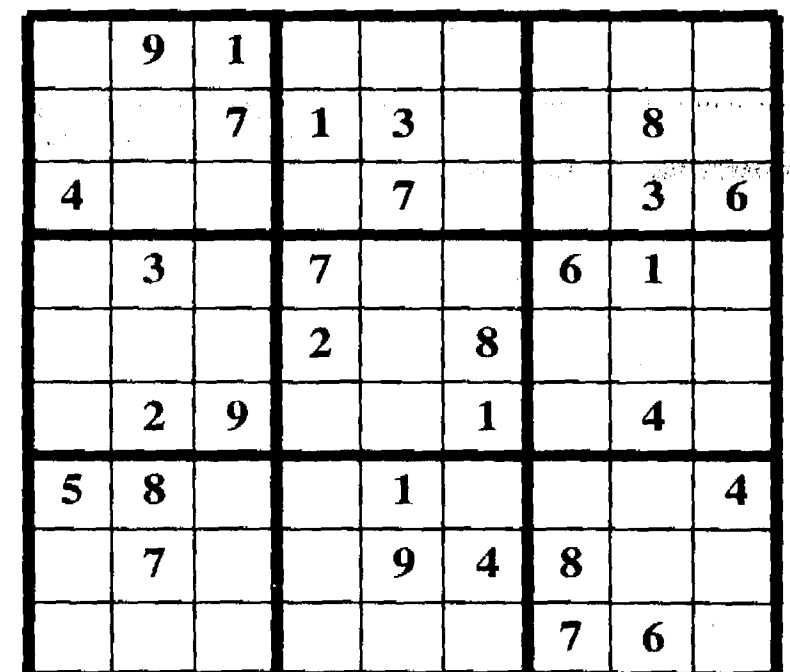
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- Across**
- Special way of doing something
 - Auspices
 - Fat unit
 - Accept
 - Aquarium
 - City near Lake Tahoe
 - Astronomers who study the physical properties of celestial bodies
 - "You ___ bother!"
 - Entreat
 - Expressed admiration of
 - Forever
 - Affirm
 - "Absolutely!"
 - Disease caused by a thiamine deficiency
 - King Mark's bride
 - Concerns for your own interests and welfare
 - Ran away from quickly
 - North America, South America and Central America
 - "La Scala di ___" (Rossini opera)
 - Formally surrender
 - Adjust, in a way
 - Sweetheart
 - Make over
 - Rapid active commotion
 - Crude incendiary bomb
 - Aces, sometimes
 - Okla., before 1907
 - Brings home
 - Medical advice, often
 - Give the cold shoulder
 - "The Playboy of the Western World" author
- Down**
- Top Tatar
 - Barely beat, with "out"
 - A chip, maybe
 - 128 cubic feet
 - Swedish money
 - Addis Ababa's land: Abbr.
 - Chipper
 - Deep down
 - Whole alternative
 - Give the third degree
 - Sow again
 - Hollow in a bone
 - Go (along)
 - "Harper Valley ___"
 - Bean counter, for short
 - "B.C." cartoonist
 - Domain controlled by an emir
 - Lying, maybe
 - Lyra's brightest star
 - "Aeneid" figure
 - Deep
 - "Good going!"
 - Buzzer
 - Aims
 - "Dear" one
 - Auditory
 - Vermin
 - Gone
 - "___ quam videri" (North Carolina's motto)
 - Mosque V.I.P.
 - Big roll
 - Knight's "suit"
 - Freelance currency unit
 - British ___
 - Hamlet's father, e.g.
 - ___ King Cole
 - "20/20" network
 - Strikes at with firepower
 - Cookers
 - "Don't go!"
 - Mountain pool
 - Diminutive suffix
 - "... or ___"
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 - Sun, e.g.

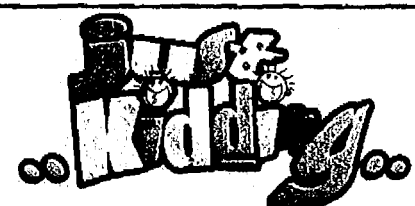
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ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS



HOROSCOPES

For the week of April 30, 2009

Capricorn
December 22 - January 19
Watch it, Capricorn. Tons of surprises are headed your way, but some may come with strings attached. Know what you are getting into. The mid-dash at work begins.

Aries
March 21 - April 19
Budget cuts begin at work. There is no need for you to worry, Aries. They will not involve you. A clever plan hatches at home. Do your part to make it happen.

Cancer
June 22 - July 22
How good of you, Cancer. A friend falls, and you are right there to pick them up. A coworker milks you for information. Be careful what you say.

Libra
September 23 - October 22
Some rules have to be broken, Libra, and even though you don't want to, you are going to have to dispose of one of yours to get anywhere at work. Good luck.

Aquarius
January 20 - February 18
Do not, under any circumstance, mix business with pleasure this week, or a relationship could come under fire. A charity event requires much more than your participation.

Taurus
April 20 - May 20
You're running ahead of the pack, Taurus, and all the right people know it. Someone may be eyeing you for a promotion. A road trip brings the weekend to a satisfying end.

Leo
July 23 - August 22
You've dodged the bullet long enough, Leo. State what's on your mind, and the world will be at your feet. In this case, nice guys really do finish last.

Scorpio
October 23 - November 21
Pull out all the stops to welcome a new family member, and you will have a friend for life. A financial proposal is on the up and up, but could use some improvement, Scorpio.

Pisces
February 19 - March 20
Wonders never cease. Places, and you get off on the right foot with a cantankerous buddy. They accept your help gladly. A risky financial venture pays off.

Gemini
May 21 - June 21
What a rip, Gemini. That family member you were counting on bails on you. Fortunately, you've got the resources to finish the job. A pot of blooms freshens up the house.

Virgo
August 23 - September 22
Fighting words are tossed your way, Virgo. Ignore them. Something else is at work. A tickle of the ivories gets the energy flowing at home and chores done.

Sagittarius
November 22 - December 21
Can it, Sagittarius. Keep your opinions to yourself this week, and more importantly, do not gossip. Someone in authority is watching you like a hawk.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

ADOPT A PET

WE'RE OVERLOADED! The animal shelter is currently very full of animals in need of loving homes, just like yours. Help these very adoptable pets find homes, adopt today! Visit our web site for more information.

Jade
Jade is a lovely 10 month old calico cat. She is talkative, active and very sweet. Jade has been spayed, feline leukemia tested negative and vaccinated. She could be your new best friend!

Minnie
Minnie is a beautiful little one year old cat. She is outgoing, friendly, quiet and affectionate. Minnie has been spayed, feline leukemia tested negative and vaccinated. She just needs a home.

Visit us at: www.ausablevalleyanimalshelter.org
AuSable Valley Animal Shelter
5786 Fairground Lane, Grayling
Use the entrance to the Crawford County Fairgrounds
Hours: Open 10 to 3 pm Monday through Saturday,
10 to 12 pm on Sundays and Holidays
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117
For more pets or more information, visit our web site www.ascc.petfinder.com

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week

Date	H	L	Rain Inches
4/21	44	34	0.30
4/22	43	32	0.08
4/23	42	27	0
4/24	58	27	0.01
4/25	77	40	0
4/26	68	37	0.88
4/27	54	36	0.38

Extended Forecast
(Courtesy of the Weather.com)

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
High 64	High 51	High 52	High 62	High 59	High 59
Low 44	Low 36	Low 37	Low 40	Low 43	Low 41
Mostly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Few Showers	Few Showers	Sunny

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

CREAMY LEMON SQUARES

Ingredients:

20 vanilla wafers, finely crushed

1/2 cup flour

1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar

1/4 cup cold margarine

1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened

1 cup granulated sugar

2 eggs

2 Tbsp. flour

3 Tbsp. grated lemon peel, divided

1/4 cup fresh lemon juice

1/4 tsp. baking powder

2 tsp. powdered sugar

Directions: Preheat oven to 350°F. Line 8-inch square baking pan with foil, with ends of foil extending over sides of pan. Combine wafer crumbs, 1/2 cup flour and the brown sugar in bowl. Cut in margarine with pastry blender or two knives until mixture resembles coarse crumbs; press firmly onto bottom of prepared pan. Bake 15 min. Meanwhile, beat cream cheese and granulated sugar with electric mixer on medium speed until well blended. Add eggs and 2 Tbsp. flour; mix well. Blend in 1 Tbsp. lemon peel, the lemon juice and baking powder; pour over crust. Bake 25 to 28 min. or until center is set. Cool completely. Cover and refrigerate at least 2 hours or overnight. Sprinkle with powdered sugar and remaining 2 Tbsp. lemon peel just before serving.

Prep Time 25 min. Total Time 2 hr 53 min
Makes 16 servings

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1. Real Estate

2-3 BEDROOM 2 bath, year round ranch in peaceful setting, on maintained road, near lakes and snowmobiling. 2482 Sandy Trail, south off M-72, 7.3 miles east of Grayling, price reduced. (586) 446-0004, (586) 713-7500. (6/22/06tf/1)

CHECK OUT forsaleby-owner.com, listing 21561904, for a super deal on a Grayling AuSable river home, or call 989-348-2083. (4/23/09tf/1)

MOBILE HOME Marlette, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, large living room, kitchen and dining room combo and 7 x 21 extension. Excellent condition. 989-732-7086. (-23-30/1)

2 BEDROOM 2 bath home on 2 1/2 acres. Hunt, fish and snowmobile in your your backyard. \$70,000, Frederic. 989-745-3370. (-23-30/1)

FOR SALE Rent with option or land contract. Low down payment. 3 bedroom, 1 bath, garage, located in Beaver Creek Township. Ideal opportunity for handyman. 9424 S. Old 27, \$27,000, \$3,000 down payment, \$250, 7 percent interest. Contact Craig Hinkle, RE/MAX of Grayling, 989-348-7440. (4/30/09tf/1)

CLEAN & COZY 1 room cabin with electric, hand pump for water, could have phone and cable TV. Outside bathroom. #261245, \$19,900. Call Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty at 989-348-6481. (-30/1)

2. For Rent

Cobble Creek I

a family community located in Grayling, MI is currently accepting applications for 1 Bedroom, 2 Bedrooms, and 3 Bedrooms Apartments.

Units of barrier free design may also be available.

*Rent is based on income

FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING CALL
989-348-3150

This institution is an Equal Opportunity Provider. Equal Housing Opportunity.

TDD # (800) 649-3777

WHISPERING PINES APARTMENTS

Whispering Pines Apartments is currently accepting applications for 1-and 2-bedroom apartments. We are accepting applications for Seniors 62 years of age and older and Handicap/Disabled persons, regardless of age. Income-based rent is available. Apartments feature walk-in closets, air conditioning and open living areas. Rent includes heat, domestic hot water and more. For more information, or to tour the property, please call (989)344-0020.

Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD 1-800-649-3777

Grayling Pines Apartments

Grayling Pines Apartments is currently accepting applications for 1-and 2-bedroom apartments. Income-based rent is available. Apartments feature walk-in closets, air conditioning and open living areas and private patios/balconies. Rent includes heat, domestic hot water and more. For more information, or to tour the property, please call (989)344-0020. Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD 1-800-649-3777

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1. Real Estate

LOCATED IN THE CITY of Grayling. Recently remodeled 3 bedroom, 1 bath home with enclosed porch, fenced in yard and two-tier deck. #247438, \$55,500. Call Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty at 989-348-6481. (-30/1)

2. For Rent

1 BEDROOM DUPLEX with utilities, \$550. 2 bedroom duplex, \$450. 348-5230. (-26-2-9-16-23-30-7-14/2)

MOBILE HOMES 4 RENT 2 and 3 bedroom, \$425 and up. Also, trailers for sale. 348-5278. (9/28/06tf/2)

SENIOR APARTMENTS AVAILABLE at The Brook Retirement Communities. Offering Independent and Assisted Living. Lots of amenities, activities, beautiful surroundings and affordable living. Communities located in: Houghton Lake (989) 422-7200 Roscommon (989) 275-4000, West Branch (989) 343-1400, Gladwin (989) 426-8700. Call or stop by today for a personalized tour. (5/10/2007tf/2)

30 X 40 POLE BARN Storage only, \$200 monthly. In Frederic. 989-450-9742. (-30-7/2)

COMMERCIAL BUILDING FOR RENT Lots of parking, stand alone structure and good location. 989-348-8471. (1/15/09tf/2)

3. Employment

2. For Rent

VIKING VILLAGE APARTMENTS are now taking applications for upcoming availability. Very nice two bedroom, two bath apartments approximately one mile west of Grayling off M-72. Units in this quiet community include central air conditioning, attached garage, paved lighted streets and driveways, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer and dryer. Lawn care, snow removal and garbage pickup included in annual lease. Contact Herb Olson, at 989-348-9456, for more information. (03/26/09tf/2)

FOR RENT Efficiency apartment, includes heat, electric, cable TV, plowing and trash pick up. No pets. \$375 a month, \$200 security deposit. 989-348-2137 or 989-370-1735. (-23-30/2)

HOME FOR RENT 4 to 6 bedroom, 2 bath executive retreat with outbuildings in Lovells. \$1,200 per month plus utilities. Call 989-732-2600. (7/10/08tf/2)

ARE YOU WORKING in the area and need to rent something by the week or month? We have kitchenettes. North Country Lodge, 348-8471. (-23-30-7/2)

HALL FOR RENT with kitchen facility. Also taking reservations for summer outdoor pavilion. Beaver Creek Township. Call 989-275-8878. (-23-30-7-14-21-28-4-11-18-25-2-9-16-23-30-6-13-20/2)

3. Employment

THE CRAWFORD COUNTY HOUSING COMMISSION (CCHC) is seeking bids for a MSHDA qualified homeownership counselor to provide counseling on a contractual basis.

Bids to be based on a percentage of Fee Schedule as provided by MSHDA's Homeownership Counseling Program, also to include list of services to be provided by counselor.

The CCHC will be accepting bids until 4:00 p.m. May 5, 2009. MSHDA Certified Counselors may submit bids to Crawford County Housing Commission at 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738.

POSITION OPENINGS

Composition Part-time
Computer experience in designing advertisements using Macintosh computers with Quark, Photoshop and Adobe preferred. Must be reliable and able to work within deadlines.

Sales Full-time
We are looking for an individual that possess good customer service skills. Must be reliable and able to work within deadlines. Existing accounts and cold calls. Salary plus commission. Sales experience preferred.

Send Resumes to:
CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE
P.O. Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738

2. For Rent

2 BEDROOM MOBILE with washer, dryer and appliances. No pets. \$450 plus deposit. 348-2418. (-9-16-23-30/2)

LAKE MARGRETHE ACCESS 3 bedroom, 2 bath, two car garage. Partly furnished, available in June. \$700 per month, one year lease and no pets. 248-701-2026 or 239-495-7545. (3/26/09tf/2)

NICE 3 BEDROOM HOME Near Higgins Lake, off Old 27. 821-6225. (-23-30/2)

FOR RENT Large home with garage, 4 bedrooms and 2 baths. \$700 a month. 989-348-4179. (-23-30-7/2)

1 BEDROOM upstairs apartment for single person. No children or pets. Immediate occupancy. 989-348-4006, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (4/23/09tf/2)

GRAYLING 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath townhouse. Appliances and no pets. \$635 plus security deposit. 989-344-9070. (-23-30-7/2)

FOR RENT 3 bedroom, 2 bath on three acres, \$650 plus deposit. 810-225-0395. (-30-7/2)

RESTAURANT 30 seat, fully equipped and 2 car garage, in Frederic. \$500 monthly. 989-450-9742. (-30-7/2)

3 BEDROOM 1 bath, 2 car garage, on the lake. \$600 monthly, in Frederic. 989-450-9742. (-30-7/2)

FOR SALE Rent with option or land contract. Low down payment. 3 bedroom, 1 bath, garage, located in Beaver Creek Township. Ideal opportunity for handyman. 9424 S. Old 27, \$27,000, \$3,000 down payment, \$250, 7 percent interest. Contact Craig Hinkle, RE/MAX of Grayling, 989-348-7440. (4/30/09tf/2)

3 BEDROOM HOUSE for rent. Roscommon schools, no pets. \$525 a month, \$525 deposit. 989-275-8499. (-30-7/2)

3. Employment



OFFICE SUPPORT SPECIALIST:

Kirkland Community College in Roscommon, MI is seeking qualified applicants for a part-time (approximately 24 hours per week) position providing office support services to the students, faculty, staff, and executive director at the M-TEC located in Gaylord, MI.

For a complete position description, visit our website at www.kirtland.edu/hr/jobs/foundation.htm
Application deadline is May 15, 2009.
Equal Opportunity Employer

3. Employment

ATTENTION Interviews are now being accepted on a first come first serve basis. No experience necessary. Due to recent openings of new locations and offices, our company is actively seeking men and women to start immediately. Permanent full time positions in all departments. \$1,600/month to start per company program. Call 989-732-2175. (-30/3)

SUMMER HELP WANTED Stock help, Dairy Queen and cashiers. Evergreen Party Store, Higgins Lake. 989-821-5425. (-23-30/3)

CLIP N CURL SALON in Higgins Lake is looking for a stylist. Apply in person Tuesday, Thursday, Friday or Saturday, ask for Tammy. (-23-30/3)

4. Services Offered

SEWING, ZIPPERS, QUILTER Open 6 days a week. (989)348-9349. (-2-16-30/4)

RTH HOME IMPROVEMENT all your interior and exterior needs. Garages, additions, drywall, painting, roofing, siding, decks, and more. Licensed and insured, free estimates. Rob Harrington 989-344-1383. (-9/16/04tf/4)

D. HAWES / Driver's Training: Northern Driving School will be offering classes year-round in Grayling and surrounding areas. The only local driving school in Crawford and Roscommon counties. Segment I \$275, Segment II \$40. 989-344-2470. (05/22/08tf/4)

ROOFING, ROOFING, ROOFING All shingle, new construction, tear-offs, residential, commercial, emergency work welcome. Licensed and insured. 20 years experience. Free estimates. 989-348-5817, 989-390-1526. (LR7/30/09/4)

APPLIANCE PARTS All major brands. Most parts in stock. Appliance Parts 6840 M-72 West, Grayling, across from the Ole Barn. 989-348-5971. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon. (-9-16-23-30/4)

3. Employment



FOUNDATION DIRECTOR:

Kirkland Community College in Roscommon, MI is seeking qualified applicants for a full-time foundation director. Individual in this position will also be required to provide leadership in creating and implementing a grant strategy and to create and monitor a strategy to promote the college service area.

For a complete position description, visit our website at www.kirtland.edu/hr/jobs/foundation.htm
Application deadline is May 15, 2009.
Equal Opportunity Employer

4. Services Offered

JERRY ALL SEASON MAINTENANCE Big truck tools, raking, hauling debris, paint and stain, dock installed, debris hauled to land fill, roof gutter clean, oak firewood and any other work. Work experience of 30 years. 989-348-7046, cell: 989-745-1739. (-23-30/4)

FIREWOOD APRIL MADNESS SPECIAL \$45 per cord, cut, split and delivered. 989-657-1706. (-2-9-16-23-30/4)

LIFE PROBLEMS getting you down? Call GRACE Center, 989-348-2544. (3/19/09tf/4)

LONE WOLF CLEANING SERVICE Excellent references. Home, cabin and office. Also organize drawers, cupboards, closets, etc. Lanette Nastwold, 989-348-9828. (-30/4)

CARPENTER WORK Drywall repair, cabinet refacing and repair, trim work, painting interior and exterior. Free estimates. 30 years experience. Call Carl, 989-348-4068, cell: 390-2853. (-9-16-23-30-7-14/4)

SPRING CLEAN UP Deck repair, lawn care, debris hauling. Call Northern Lawn & Homecare, 989-390-0093. (-16-23-30/4)

TOP PRICES for hard maple timber. Free estimates. 20 trees minimum. 989-942-1266. (-16-23-30-7-14-21-28-4/4)

GARDEN Roto-tilling tractor with 6 ft. rototiller. All's Outdoor Maintenance, 231-258-1245. (-16-23-30-7/4)

SPRING CLEANUP SPECIALS Painting, power washing residential and commercial; buildings, decks, awnings. All types, payment options available. Call John Woolford at Great Northern Painting, 989-348-8122, Juniper Way, Grayling. (-23-30-7/4)

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5. For Sale

CABIN LOGS rough sawn lumber, kiln dried lumber, tongue & groove, log siding, custom sawing. T. Warren Sawmill. 989-619-0840. (LR05/21/09/5)

APPLIANCES NOT WORKING? For service or used appliances call Paul, 348-0167. (-30-7/5)

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14' ALUMINUM BOAT/TRAILER 4 hp motor and Minkota trolling motor, \$1,195. 2,400 lb. aluminum boat hoist, \$500. 989-348-7507. (-23-30/5)

2004 HEATMOR WOOD BOILER used 3 1/2 years, with extras, \$4,500. 2008 Eden Pur, used 2 months, \$400 OBO. 906-458-2724, local resident. (-23-30/5)

HAY FOR SALE First cutting. \$3 per bale. Also horse drawn carts, buggies and equipment. 348-2178. (-30-7SL/5)

WEDDING GOWNS Sizes 6 and 8, \$100 each. 348-2178. (-30-7/5)

WILSON GOLF CLUBS and irons plus bags for a man and a woman, \$50 each. Call 348-9101. (-30SL/5)

YAMAHA 9.9 HP Boat motor. Long shaft, electric start, 2 cycle, gas tank, hoses, earmuffs and battery. Runs and looks great. \$1,500 OBO. 989-600-0882. (-30-7-14-21/5)

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SNOW BLOWER Cub Cadet 208 cc., 24 inch, two stage, electric start, zero turn, headlights, 8 speed/6F-2R. Used only two seasons. Runs and looks great. \$500 OBO. 989-600-0882. (-30-7-14-21/5)

MARTY'S FIREWOOD Dry oak \$50 per cord. Credit cards accepted. Also wanted, standing timber. (-16-23-30/5)

6. Wanted

WOW Don will pay you \$100 to \$200 for your junk vehicle. 231-587-0856 or 888-468-7313. (4/2/09tf/6)

PAYING CASH for used propane cylinders. Must be in decent shape. Please call 800-292-9295 or 348-7647. (4/16/09tf/6)

BUYING SCRAP METAL All grades. SMR 989-275-6041. (10/16/08tf/6)

WANTED Gently used books for Friends of the Crawford County Library. Please no encyclopedias, magazines, textbooks or books in poor condition. Donations are tax deductible. Please drop off at the library during regular business hours. Call 348-9214 if you have any questions. (-16-23-30-7/6)

WANTED Junk vehicles, will haul, Paying cash. Call Gene at Wakeley's Auto Parts, 989-348-5079. (LR6/25/09/6)

7. Miscellaneous

GERTA'S DRAPERIES "Everything in Window Treatments." Free estimates and in-home appointments. Established in 1958. Call 989-732-3340 or visit our showroom at 2281 South Osgo Avenue, Gaylord. (3/26/09tf/7)

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KIRTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Document Imaging System

Kirtland Community College is accepting proposals for a Document Imaging System for student records. Proposals will be accepted in Kirtland's Business Office at 10775 N. St. Helen Rd., Roscommon, MI 48653 until Thursday, May 14, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. Detailed specifications and bid instructions are available at www.kirtland.edu/bobids under Document Imaging System, or by contacting the Business Office at 989-275-5000, ext. 239.

Proposals should address hardware, software, and services required to provide the following capabilities:

- Document capture from multiple sources including scanned paper, electronic records, import from Office applications, and screen capture or import from Kirtland's enterprise information system (Jenzabar EX).
- Document storage for current and archive records.
- Document indexing, searching, and tracking.
- Provision for secure web based management and retrieval/viewing and printing.

This project is a pilot implementation for the registration office on Kirtland's Roscommon campus. Initial configuration should allow for five concurrent users and the capability to image a significant volume of archived paper records.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR Place your organization's events on Crawford County's Community Calendar. Go to crawford-countyavalanche.com, under services, to submit your event. For more information, call our office at 989-348-6811. (-3/19/09tf/8)

FICK & SONS PROPANE STIMULUS! We will offer special prices on all propane for the month of May at our Grayling, West Branch, Mikado and Houghton Lake offices as well as Charlie's Country Corner. All cylinder refills will cost half of its size, 20 lb. - \$10, 30 lb. - \$15 and 100 lb. - \$50. New customer specials for residential tank installations! We will also offer our current customers a special price of \$1.599 per gallon for home delivery propane. Customer must take a minimum delivery. Please call 800-292-9295 or your local Fick & Sons office for more information. Thank you for your business. (-23-30-7/8)

AMERICAN LEGION POST #106 Will be holding the annual election of officers during the regular meeting on May 11, 2009. All members are encouraged to attend. Anyone wishing to hold an office may declare their desire at the time of elections. (-30/8)

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HALL FOR RENT American Legion Post 106, Grayling, with kitchen. Newly remodeled, smoke free. Contact manager 348-7232. (-8-22-5-19-5-19-2-16-30-14-28-11-25/8)

OPEN MIKE NIGHT Friday, May 1, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Thanks a Latte and Flowers by Josie. All are welcome. Soups, chili, pizza, sandwiches and desserts available. Uptown Grayling. (-23-30/8)

MIP and anger management programs. GRACE Center, Grayling. 989-348-2544. (10/11/07tf/8)

GODDARD AUCTION Sunday, May 3, 10 a.m. 273 Randolph St., Gaylord, MI. Antique furniture; glass; pottery; antiques; collectibles; sportsman; guns; tools; trucks; equipment & more! View online or call. Lets Talk Auction! 989-848-5158, www.LetsTalkAuction.com. (-30/8)

Vote May 5 RICHARD FEBEY Crawford AuSable School Board COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE Paid for by The Committee to Elect Richard Febey 709 E. Michigan Ave.

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A SECURE, SUCCESSFUL, EDUCATED caring couple looking to provide home filled with love, learning and stability to newborn. Expenses paid. Jessica & Brian toll-free 866-700-7676. ADOPT: CHILDLESS LOVING WOMAN (teacher) wishes to adopt a newborn. Financially secure home with close extended family. Legal/Confidential. Expenses paid. Please call Denise: 1-866-201-4602 PIN#01960. ADOPTION - AN ACT OF LOVE. We admire your courage. Your baby will be given a loving, secure future. Expenses paid. Please call Michele/Bob 877-328-8296

Auctions

ABSOLUTE LOGGING EQUIPMENT AUCTION, selling for the bank. Late model logging/construction equipment. 80+ pieces. May 14, 10 a.m. Rockingham, NC. Iron Horse Auction, NCAL3936, 800-997-2248, www.ironhorseauction.com

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10. Garage Sale

GARAGE - MOVING SALE Furniture, dishes, shaper, free weights, whirlpool bath tub new, odds and ends, misc., etc. 6736 W. Turner Trail, Grayling, MI, off Ole Dam Rd. First Turner on the left before bridge. Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (-30/10)

404 ERIE Saturday, May 2, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Rain or shine. Lots of toddler and more. (-30/10)

11. Automotive

CAR DETAILING Let JJ's Motor Mall make your vehicle sparkle inside & out! 348-7710. (5/31/07tf/11)

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Notice to Bidders:

Hanson Hills is looking to install a single-ply membrane roof-system, to replace its current metal roof on the north facing side of the Main Lodge building. Bids should recommend underlayment materials for the membrane.

For additional information please call 989-348-9266. Bids will be sealed.

Bids should be received by Noon May 11th, 2009.

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NEW LISTING **TRADITIONAL CHARM IN THE CITY!** Charming 4 bedrooms, 2 bath home with formal dining room. Enclosed sun porch, covered front porch, large back yard, nicely landscaped. Newer vinyl siding and windows. Updated carpet, hot water heater, electrical and plumbing. Partial basement. Attached garage. CS-2815 \$65,000

NEW LISTING **RECREATIONAL CABIN ON 5 ACRES** State Land within walking distance. Cabin comes completely furnished and has electric. Metal roof. Bath with a path. Propane Space Heater. Great area for hunting, snowmobiling. Lots of wildlife. CS-2817 \$19,500

REDUCED **BERMED RANCH HOME IN THE CITY LIMITS** Designed with distinction! Beautiful 2 bed rooms, 2 baths home offers 1,568 sq. ft. of quality living space with open floor plan. Kitchen offers pantry, potlids, lazy susan, bay window, snack bar, appliance garage and Nulona food center. All appliances are included. Sunroom/family room with vaulted ceilings and sliding doors opens onto large deck with fenced in back yard. Nicely landscaped. CS-2792 \$93,900

REDUCED **CUSTOM BUILT RANCH HOME** in convenient wooded setting. Vaulted ceilings in great room. Very bright and airy with double skylights and patio doors onto rear deck. Oversized kitchen with center island, all appliances and snack bar. Master bedroom suite with walk-in closet. 1,512 sq. ft. home with 3 bedrooms and 2 1/2 baths. Finished and heated garage with workshop. 10x16 rear deck, two storage buildings, and concrete driveway. Move in condition - priced below appraised value. CH-2781 \$99,500

REDUCED **BANK REPOSSESSION!!!** Current home divided into two apartments. 12x64 two bedroom mobile home. 192 sq. ft. guest cabin with one bedroom, 3/4 bath, kitchenette, and electric heat. 32x48 pole barn with concrete floor and electric. Adjoining property available. CH-2782 \$41,694

REDUCED **CLASSIC FLY FISHING RETREAT.** Includes additional building site. Seller will consider division. This setting is truly one-of-a-kind. Only 20' off river's edge. Swift gravel bottom river, beautiful mature pine & hardwoods make this a unique getaway. Knotty pine interior, foldlamps fireplace, garage, storage shed, and updated metal roof. Most furniture and contents are included. CH-2772 \$237,600

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